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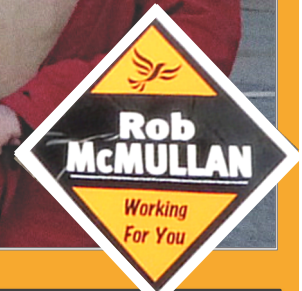
Rob McMullan chosen to join Paul Collins for Eastwood Park!



Rob McMullan will be the LibDem candidate for Eastwood Park in the Southend Council elections on Thursday, 6th May. Rob lived in Eastwood for over 25 years (attending school at Eastwood Primary) and knows the area well – Rob's mum lives here and he has many friends across the ward.

Cllr Paul Collins says: "I'm delighted Rob wants to join me in working for you on Southend Council. I've known Rob for over 30 years, and he is already working hard and campaigning alongside me on the issues that matter to Eastwood Park residents."

"There's always a lot to do, to make sure Eastwood Park gets its fair share of resources, funding and investment. With Rob and I working together, we can provide an even stronger voice, as Eastwood deserves."



Eastwood's sign shows benefit of a new Councillor!

Paul Collins and Eastwood Park's LibDem team are pleased with the progress for Eastwood over the two years since Paul was elected to the Council in May 2019. As your Councillor, **Paul has achieved action on road resurfacing, repairs to pavements and new junction protections in roads across the ward**

– from Eastwood Rise and Green Lane to Belgrave Road, from Springwater Road across to Wren Avenue, Nobles Green Road to Pinewood Avenue.

A multitude of very welcome additions to our Parks include new trees, benches, fences and play equipment.

One proud achievement is **our new Village Sign at Rochford Corner**. Local residents turned to Paul and asked for help to get this done; Paul was delighted to get it completed and paid for by the Council.



Paul & the new sign June 2020

Do you have a Postal Vote?

Local elections take place on Thursday 6th May. But even with vaccinations and social distancing, people still worry about going into the Polling Station or waiting in a queue to vote – the Government already said we should bring our own pencils or pens to cast our votes!

You can still vote without going to the polling station. You just need to register for a postal vote.

To apply, search online for 'Southend Council postal vote', taking you to the Ways to Vote page on the Council's website: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/>.

Don't have internet access or need help to apply? Call Electoral Services at the Council (01702 215010) or email: elections@southend.gov.uk.

"Don't leave it too late", say Paul Collins and Rob McMullan! Your application must be with the Council by 20th April.



Bad damage to Rochford Corner slip road area

Rob McMullan was contacted by Rochford Corner residents concerned about damage caused by lorries driving across the grass verge and pavements.

Rob raised it with the Council with the evidence and he is pleased to report that **action will now be taken in the last week of March – watch for the repairs and improvements!**

The entrance is to be widened, the verge and pavement will be repaired and parking restrictions will be put in place at the entrance.

Rob McMullan says: Please don't hesitate to get in touch – we're here to help!

Prompt action for residents from Rob McMullan!



Eastwood News Round-up

★ The Council Highways Department has agreed to address the **dangerous driving and speeding in Green Lane and Whitehouse Road.**

"This is long overdue!" says Paul. "I will keep pressing for action on these and other roads."

★ **Leigh Bus Service from Eastwood:** Cllr Paul Collins arranged for a Motion to be agreed in Council in March, which has cross-party support from 27 other Councillors, agreeing to work for a new Public Service to be put in place.

★ **Road safety measures:** Paul has asked for safety measures in Dandies Drive, Sairard Gardens, Green Lane, Ringwood Drive, Bellhouse Road and Gravel Road, among other roads.

EASTWOOD CAR PARKS: NO NEW CHARGES

As we reported online, Cllr Paul Collins was very concerned to read in the Council's budget 2021/2022 plan that charges would be applied at the Free Jones Corner and Pargat Drive Car Parks.

After a vigorous and clear campaign explaining the damage this would cause our local shops – and hit residents with a charge they do not have to pay currently – your Lib Dem Focus team are delighted that the Cabinet agreed with us: **they reversed their decision and SCRAPPED the proposals for a charge!** Paul is proud to be part of a listening Administration.



Parking still free! Cllr Collins & Rob McMullan at Jones Corner Car Park

Eastwood Park Liberal Democrat Team – Here to Help!

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