

Eastwood Park

Local Conservatives



Dear Residents

Eastwood Park Sign Refurbishment facts:

In the Conservative Eastwood News spring newsletter we published the following article:

'At the start of the millennium the Local Ward Councillors were successful in establishing a new Eastwood sign at Rochford Corner, 20 years later the post had rotted at ground level and the sign itself had seriously deteriorated - Chris and the team were again successful in getting the sign and post refurbished'

This caused a string of posts on various social media sites condemning us for taking the credit for the sign's refurbishment, when the Liberal's had already posted that:

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.

While Social media has been a lifeline to some during the lockdown, in politics it can be divisive and misleading, we feel strongly that residents have been misled by the Liberals and unfortunately, we need to defend ourselves and the facts. In order to do this we reproduce below the email chain that confirms that we met with officers on site to discuss the refurbishment of the sign and where the funds were coming from, we also put the officer in touch with a sign writer. It also shows that Cllr Colins emailed us with his thanks for confirming that the costs of the refurbishment were covered by the Council not our Ward fund:

----- Original message -----

From: CllrCollins <CllrCollins@southend.gov.uk>

Date: 11/12/2019 08:26 (GMT+00:00)

To: CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk>

Cc: CllrWalker <CllrWalker@southend.gov.uk>

Subject: Eastwood Park Community Fund. Was Rochford Corner sign & post - inspection.

Dear Andrew,

Thank you, I agree the Post and Sign are being covered by the Borough Council's funds.

So, do we agree that the funds go towards new benches in Eastwood Park?

Kind regards

Paul

Cllr Paul Collins

Eastwood Park Ward

On 10 Dec 2019, at 11:13, CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk> wrote:

Sorry for the delay in replying. I have a verbal undertaking that the cost will come out of existing budgets and we can keep our £900 ish fund for new benches.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Election Day: Thursday 6 May 2021

----- Original message -----

From: CllrCollins <CllrCollins@southend.gov.uk>
Date: 28/11/2019 08:34 (GMT+00:00)
To: CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Rochford Corner sign & post - inspection.

Good morning Andrew,

I am a little confused over this.

Is the maintenance fund paying for the refurbishment of the sign, in full or in part?

I was working under the impression that we were working to have a balance left to pay for a small number of new benches? Do we have a larger sum left?

Thank you

Paul

Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Nov 2019, at 08:06, CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Richard – re funding Cllr Collins is asking if you need the money we have been allocated for Ward improvements, which we had agreed between us to spend on a park bench/s. I understand from our meeting that you have separate maintenance money and will not need our cash! Please confirm.

Kind regards

Cllr Andrew Moring

From: CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk>
Date: 15 October 2019 at 11:31:34 BST
To: Verina Weaver <verinaweaver@gmail.com>
Cc: CllrCollins <CllrCollins@southend.gov.uk>, CllrWalker <CllrWalker@southend.gov.uk>, CllrFlewitt <CllrFlewitt@southend.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Rochford Corner sign & post - inspection.

Update regarding the sign at Rochford Corner,

Officers have arranged for Marlborough to attend and repair the post and take down the Sign, David Lizzimore sign writer will be completing the restoration.

This should be completed within 4-6 weeks.

Of course we will believe it when we see it!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Verina Weaver <verinaweaver@gmail.com>
Date: 14/10/2019 13:53 (GMT+00:00)
To: CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk>
Cc: CllrCollins <CllrCollins@southend.gov.uk>, CllrWalker <CllrWalker@southend.gov.uk>, CllrFlewitt <CllrFlewitt@southend.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Rochford Corner sign & post - inspection.

That sounds good Andrew / you just need to keep on top of him as it were! Pleased we are not going to lose the whole post as I did think it was a bit o t t - look forward to hearing the next steps.

Many thanks & keep up the good work.

Kind regards

Verina

Sent from my iPhone

On 14 Oct 2019, at 10:24, CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk> wrote:

Yes all sorted. I met with the Officer last late week. I proposed a solution (from my days managing the overhead line dept at Eastern Electricity) that kept the post as it is only rotten at ground level - he agreed and is getting quotes. I have sent him a picture of the sign which I took when it was installed and gave him some leads to source a sign writer. He has a budget and as we do not need to replace post it may mean we can have the bench as well. Will update when I have final confirmation that orders are placed.

Kind regards

Andrew Moring

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: CllrCollins <CllrCollins@southend.gov.uk>

Date: 14/10/2019 08:18 (GMT+00:00)

To: CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk>

Cc: CllrWalker <CllrWalker@southend.gov.uk>, Verina Weaver <verinaweaver@gmail.com>, CllrFlewitt <CllrFlewitt@southend.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Rochford Corner sign & post - inspection.

Good morning Andrew,

Have you heard more from Richard Telling?

Kind regards

Paul

Cllr Paul Collins

Eastwood Park Ward

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Sep 2019, at 19:46, CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk> wrote:

Progress!

Cllr Andrew Moring

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

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From: Richard Telling <RichardTelling@southend.gov.uk>

Sent: 30 September 2019 13:26

To: CllrMoring <CllrMoring@southend.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Rochford Corner sign & post - inspection.

Cllr Moring,

Thanks for sending the below, I am currently in the process of locating the sign and obtaining the quote for the restoration, as you can appreciate I have only just started and unaware of the signs storage, In the meantime I will enquire about getting the sign reinstalled at the earliest opportunity

I will keep you updated on the progress, if you require anything in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me,

Richard Telling | Team Leader (Traffic Management) | Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

We believe the above supports our claim in the Spring Newsletter that ‘we were successful in getting the sign and post refurbished’ and proves that the Liberals claimed the credit, presumably for political gain – but, it is for you to judge.

