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Local news

from Councillors Martin Cook and Sheila Handley

Maryon Road chicane

Stephen Connelly

We were sorry that our friend and colleague **Stephen Connelly** was not re-elected as a Labour Councillor for **Gainsborough Ward** in the local elections on 6 May.

We have written to the County Councillor for Gainsborough to call for the removal of the traffic calming chicane on Maryon Road. Increased traffic flow since the construction of Ipswich Academy has made waiting for traffic at this location more and more frustrating. At the same time, the 20mph zone installed near the school in 2013 means that even without the chicane there would be more than enough traffic calming to dissuade traffic from cutting through between Nacton Road and Landseer Road. We'll keep residents up to date with the County Councillor's response.



Potholes and weeds

Many residents have commented unfavourably on the state of the roads. The situation has been particularly bad in **Cotman Road, Hawke Road, Norman Crescent, Raeburn Road** and **Worcester Road** to name but a few. Highway maintenance is the responsibility of Suffolk County Council, which has been Conservative controlled since 2005. Current policy allows up to 28 weeks for potholes to be repaired, which we think is unacceptable, but we have been successful in pushing for a quicker turnaround for some problems, like the very uneven pavement at **Frobisher Road**. Residents have also

noticed there is a much worse weed problem since the Tories cut the service standard from two treatments a year to one in mid-2019.



Stephen said "I would like to thank every one of the 908 Gainsborough residents who voted for me for their support. It has been an honour to serve the community and while I leave with sadness, I know the area is in safe hands with Councillors **Martin Cook** and **Sheila Handley**".

We would like to thank Stephen for his hard work representing Gainsborough over the last five years.



Let Martin and Sheila know about potholes you see in Gainsborough





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Gainsborough Park

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Mid-May saw new swings installed in Gainsborough Park on Braziers Wood Road. These improve the quality of the play facilities for families in this neighbourhood.

Right: Work takes shape at Gainsborough Park. Below: Gainsborough ward councillors, Sheila Handley and Martin Cook are joined by Sarah Barber to inspect the finished job.



New street nameplates

New street signs are on order for **Clapgate Lane, Hawke Road, Leighton Road, Maryon Road, Nightingale Road, Raeburn Road** and **Rubens Road** after we reported worn out or missing signs to the Borough Council. It's a small thing, but we all want to take pride in our streets and ensure they look their best. Signs in **Landseer Road, Bonnington Road** and **Hogarth Square** will also be relocated to ensure they are properly visible. **If you spot a sign that is past its best, please let us know.**



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