

MILTON SOCIETY

JULY NEWSLETTER



Letter from the chairman

Welcome to the summer newsletter as we all swelter under the very warm weather.

Appropriately, our hottest news is the developments at the fire damaged 155 Hamlet Court Road where it has been reported that the building is due to be sold at auction. This is extremely positive given that the present owner has done nothing with the building for 3 years, leaving the building open to all weathers. Hopefully there will be an interested buyer who genuinely wants to repair the building and bring it back into good use. It already has planning permission for 7 self contained flats. It is also reported that an interest free loan to assist with the development works may be available from the Council. It looks like our persistent lobbying, including questioning Full Council, has helped things along.



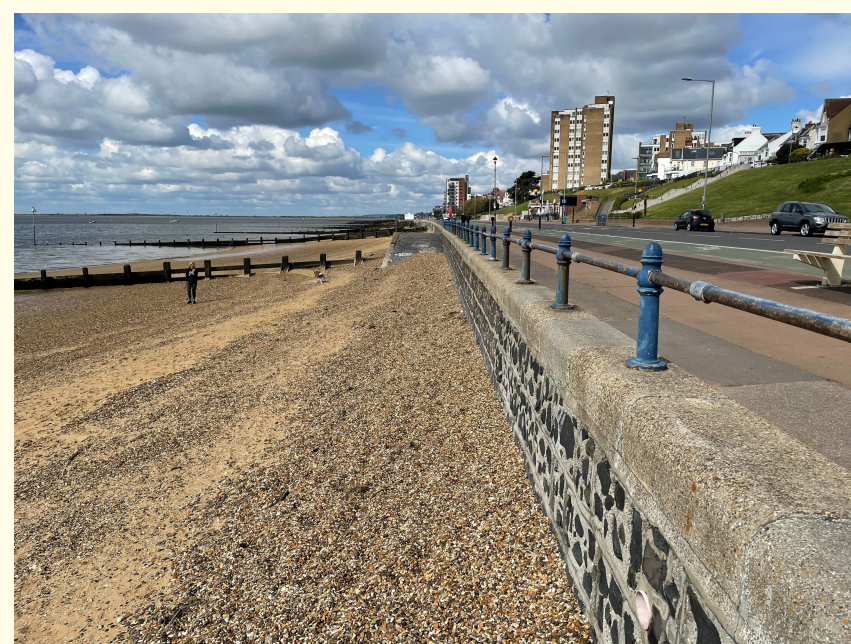
umbrella, we hope we can make progress with her and at least see the barricades removed so that the

Having not succeeded in getting our Cliff Gardens online petition (now 1600 signatories) accepted by the Council (we hope we will, one day, help to modernise our Council like Brighton and others who do accept online petitions) we are pushing ahead with a Freedom of Information request for sight of the garden's maintenance records and budgets. We then plan to seek a meeting with the responsible portfolio holder, our own Cllr Cheryl Nevin. Now that Cheryl looks after our parks (and the street scene) under her Civic Pride

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whole garden is open for access. And the petition doesn't go away and can still bring pressure to help our work. These cooling green spaces are, clearly, ever more important in our changing climate.

And on that note, we hope you have been enjoying our Beeline hanging baskets in Hamlet Court Road. The plants have grown well and they are looking good and helping to sustain flying insect life in urban Westcliff – as well as looking good and lifting the road. The project has been a great success and is due to be in place until mid-September.



Another large piece of work just reaching publication stage is our proposal to designate the seafront, from Chalkwell to Adventure Island, as a conservation area. Essentially this just means extending the existing seafront conservation area boundaries down to the bottom of the beach. We have liaised with other amenity groups and plan to put a joint statement to the Council. You won't be surprised to hear that protecting the heritage of

the seafront is not new to cities and towns like Brighton, Eastbourne and Scarborough. The seafront is our most important area of heritage and it deserves better protection. In due course the document to be published will be available on our website.

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