

# CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 28 FEBRUARY TO 28 MARCH 2017.

## Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

Completed the draft Annual Report in advance of the April meeting.

ECC Election Notices displayed on notice boards.

## Annual Parish Assembly.

A draft of the Annual Report will be available for the April meeting.

## General Maintenance.

Quotation requested from the maintenance contractor for the reinstatement of footpath No. 4.

Maintenance contractor has cleared soil and debris from Oak Road footway where an HGV has attempted a U-turn.

A tarpaulin has been fitted over the stock of salt bags at the Village Hall.

## BDC Local Plan.

BDC has postponed the main Committee date until June 2017.

## Rivenhall Airfield - IWMF.

The Environment Agency will hold 2 drop-in sessions (Silver End 20 March & Coggeshall 31 March) regarding Gent Fairhead's submitted revised permit application. Notices displayed throughout the parish from 13 March.

## Planning Applications.

Dealt with as per the March Minutes

## Planning Appeals.

There are no new appeals to report.

## Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The ECC Cabinet Member has decided to withdraw his decision to drop this scheme. This means it will **NOT** now go to the Scrutiny Committee. A new report will be drawn up and that will include further work on whether an exemption can be given to the landowner for access to his field.
- b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
- c. *Rectory Lane* - a new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane has been submitted. At the moment this has been rejected. 'Quiet Lane' signs are to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane in due course.
- d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.
- (e) Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman will submit a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.
- (f) A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road has been Submitted. (Suggested that the 2 current, out of date, bend warning signs be replaced with current standard 20mph advisory signs warning of bends plus concealed junction. Also that the road lining at the junction be looked at to make it as safe as possible with consideration given to make it safe for pedestrians crossing while using the John Ray Walk.

### **Tarecroft Wood.**

ECC has given notice that, over the next 5 years, traditional thinning and coppicing using heavy horses to remove any timber will be undertaken at various historic woodlands within the county, including Tarecroft Wood.

### **Highways Maintenance.**

One of the traffic island bollards in Henry Dixon Hall has been demolished - reported to ECC.

The repair to the A12 just north of the Oak Road junction has been completed.

The A12 through Rivenhall End is to be resurfaced during 2017/18.

The triangle at the southern A12 slip road has been cleared of weeds and debris.

Broken kerbside drain on Oak Road (approx. 75 metres north of Railway Bridge) reported to ECC.

### **A120 re-routing.**

Contrary to some rumours, Kelvedon PC confirm that their preferred route is Option A - the same as Rivenhall PC.

### **Highways England**

It would appear that HE are to close the A12 at Rivenhall End overnight on, or about, the 26 April 2017 so that BT can replace a large cable from north to south across the highway. More details will follow as they can be ascertained.

### **Public Footpaths.**

Damaged directional sign at junction of footpaths 3, 4 and 5 reported to ECC.

ECC are unable to provide a name/information sign for the entrance to footpath 7 of Rickstones Road.

### **Liaison with Chairman.**

Liaison with the Chairman upon various items of correspondence, the agenda for the next meeting and planning application documents as necessary.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)  
28 March 2017