

# CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015.

## Finance.

Accounts up to date.

The BDC Precept form has been forwarded for payment - first half payable in April 2015.

## Councillors.

Following the resignation of one Councillor the continued operation of the Parish Council has been formalised until the next election on 7 May 2015.

## Essex Police.

16 February the date of the latest 'Village Meet' where our local PCSO Terrie will attending either in the Ok Stores or the Village Hall car park from 10.00 'til 11.00am.

## Public Footpaths.

Direction post for footpath 48 on Oak Road has been re-erected.

## General Maintenance.

General maintenance continues as planned.

Complaint referred to the BDC Dog Warden regarding the dog fouling of front lawns along Church Road.

## Local Planning.

Letter sent to BDC re Application 14/00030/COU - Burghey Brook Farm, London Road, Rivenhall End as per the minutes of the January 2015 meeting.

Letter sent to ECC re Application ESS/55/14/BTE - Waste Site at Rivenhall Airfield. Receipt acknowledged.

Additional information received re ESS/39/14/BTE - Colemans Farm gravel extraction - liaison with Chairman re action during the consultation period ending 12 February 2015.

BDC Local Plan Scoping consultation documents are now available on the BDC website.

## Tarecroft Wood.

Still awaiting a reply from ECC.

## ECC Roads Maintenance.

Regarding the BDLHLP scheme on Rickstones Road - the contractors have indicated that this might well go to a seven week closure and have now said the closure will be 24/7 with effect from Monday 26 January. There may also be a period where pedestrian access is lost due to the very narrow pathway near Stoverns Hall Farm; the contractor may have to create a pedestrian route coned off along the road.

Cleaning the ditch/gulley along Oak Road has been given a low priority by ECC Highways.

ECC Highways closure notice re Oak Road, from junction with Henry Dixon Road to Rickstones Road for footway widening; closure runs for 2 weeks from 2 March 2015 but will not come into force until the work on Rickstones Road is complete.

Damaged/demolished bollards in Rivenhall End have again been reported to ECC.

## Highways Agency - A12.

There is nothing further to report this month.

## Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.**

Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **Work has commenced.**

Railway Bridge, Oak Road - widen footway and introduce priority working. Final plans now signed off and agreed with the farmers (re width for agricultural machinery). ECC say that the works are **expected to commence Monday 2 March 2015**.

7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme). The Chairman has requested a firm date for the implementation of this weight restriction from ECC. **Date for delivery has now been put back to 27/02/2015**.

Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE**. Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of March 2015**.

40mph buffer northwards along Church Road - Speed survey conducted which showed average speeds above 30mph at War Memorial. ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation) has vetoed this buffer zone but Cllr. Abbott has lodged an appeal.

Extended railings outside the School entrance - **Scheme now delivered**.

Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - A letter in support of the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.

Church Road/Oak Road clearer highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. **Delivery date 02/04/2015**.

Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - to allow parking and protect verge from further damage. **AGREED AND FUNDED**. £1,500

A12 in Braintree District - Survey the PRow truncated by the A12 and draw up a plan of action. **New scheme submitted 31 December 2014**.

#### **Annual Report.**

Work continues on the compilation of this report.

#### **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)  
27 January 2015.