

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2014.

Finance.

All matters are up to date.

Annual Parish Assembly.

Invitations have been sent to individuals as per February Minute 872(vii); replies awaited.

Parking Matters.

Site meeting took place on 4th February 2014, between a representative from NEPP, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk.

NEPP agreed to provide irregular inspections along Church Road and to investigate what, if any, options are open to restrict long stay parking in the recycling area.

Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Braintree District.

Recommendations received indicating proposals for a 49 Member District Council with effect from May 2015. The consultation period closes on 14th April 2014.

ECC Minerals Local Plan.

It would appear that the modifications being considered by ECC for further submission to the Independent Planning Inspector are as follows: "*Two of the extensions at Bradwell Quarry, A6 and A7, are proposed to become reserve sites...the sites at Rayne and Colemans Farm, Rivenhall remain unchanged.*"

Bradwell Quarry - Proposed Scoping Opinion for sites A3 & A4.

A detailed response has been forwarded to ECC as per their letter dated 29th January 2014.

A12 at Rivenhall End.

Highways Agency has planned carriageway repairs from Boreham (J19) to Kelvedon South (J23) for period 17th March (21.00) to 25th March 2014 (06.00). Northbound carriageway slips roads, lay-bys and Oak Road all closed.

Braintree - Witham 33kv Project.

Due to the waterlogged ground Carillion suspended work from 1st February until further notice.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Site meeting took place on 5th February 2014 in order to ascertain how ECC managed to make such a mess of Rickstones Road during the recent adverse weather conditions.

Outstanding maintenance to grass verges together with the demolition of the streetlight along Oak Road have been referred again to ECC.

Revisions to the Parish Plan.

A copy of the revision documents has been forwarded to BDC for adoption in reference to future planning applications.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

30mph speed limit on Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road has been passed to ECC contractor to cost and programme for delivery before the end of March 2014.

Oak Road railway bridge on track for delivery by end of March 2014.

Oak Road one way weight restriction towards the A12 junction Panel agreed to put another £7.5k into detailed design. Main hold up is the cost of signs on the A12. Good agreement of Panel members

that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Panel future scheme).

Rickstones Road drainage and kerbing design complete and awaiting consideration - estimated cost £130,772.00.

Church Road layby at church Panel agreed to commission design at a cost of £1,500, estimated scheme cost £20,000.

Extend safety railings at school awaiting validation.

Pedestrian access at Colemans Bridge junction with Colchester Road/Eastways/Motts Lane Panel agreed to allocate £800.00 to investigate works needed for dropped kerbs/tactile surfacing etc.

Extend 30mph (or introduce 40mph buffer) northwards along Church Road recently submitted. Speed survey to be conducted.

Church Road/Oak Road New proposed scheme submitted to replace existing confusing signage with new clearer signage to reduce incidents of weight limit breach and oversized HGVs having to reverse back from the Railway Bridge.

Coffee Morning PC 'Surgery'.

There has been a regular PC presence at the Coffee Morning.

Liaison with Chairman.

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

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)
25th February 2014.