

CLERK'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2012.

"Making the Links".

Receiving the November copy via email; forwarding the email to Members and producing a hard copy for the circulation box.

Parish Council Precept Meeting.

Preparing and distributing all documentation for presentation at this meeting. Attending the meeting and completing all documentation subsequently in readiness for transmission to BDC as required.

Tarecroft Wood.

Nothing further to report this month regarding the ECC Transfer of Assets Policy. Hopefully arrangements can be made for a guided walk within the woodland early in the new year, led by Ted Dersley (former gamekeeper).

Speed limit along Henry Dixon and Oak Roads.

Obtaining quotation from Solagen for alteration of the VAS from 40mph to 30mph.

Forwarding recommendations to ECC as per minute 681(ii).

Sending a response to ECC as per minute 681(ii).

ECC response confirms that the existing 40mph speed limit will remain up to Fair-Rest in Braxted Road. ECC plan to advertise the proposal before Christmas. If no objections receive the scheme can be implemented; if objections received a Cabinet Members Action process will be undertaken.

Public Footpaths.

The school hedge along Footpath 1 in Rickstones Road has now been trimmed back. (ECC Rights of Way requested the school to cut it back, the school then asked BDC who did the job)

ECC Salt Bag Scheme.

Salt bags delivered in bulk on 13th November 2012. Cllr. Bills plus the council's maintenance contractor will arrange for local deliveries.

Details forwarded to the PC's insurers as per request by ECC.

Grant received from Greenfields and Cllr. Bills will purchase the Hi-Vis gilets and snow scoops.

A12 slip & Oak Road junction.

Communication sent to the Highways Agency and ECC as per Minute 681(vi).

Writing once again to both ECC and the HA following a further accident on 12th November 2012 when another vehicle ended up in the hedge at The Old Post Office.

Acknowledgements received from ECC and HA. Email from HA copied via email to all Members in advance of discussion at the December meeting. ECC replied "*...ECC has raised the collision pattern at this location with the HA who have informed that they will investigate in order to determine what signing arrangements can be made to alert drivers and to encourage reduced approach speeds on the approach to the junction.*"

General Maintenance.

Communicating various matters to the Maintenance Contractor as per minute 681(vii).

A number of young trees have been donated via the School and these will be planted in due course. A note of thanks was sent to the school.

Dog Fouling Notices.

Requesting the BDC Dog Warden to erect suitable notices at the top of St. Mary's Road and in the Albert Moss Playing Field as per minute 681(v). New Dog Warning notices now displayed.

Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

Members' comments regarding the request for the installation of a bus stop either side of West Ford Farm, Church Road communicated to ECC as per Minute 669(ii).

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Communication sent to ECC regarding loose chippings and lack of road markings along Rickstones Road, as per minute 680.

Road markings have been reinstated, some chippings still loose on roadway and paths.

Broken drain in Oak Road, opposite drive to Hoo Hall and demolished drain, opposite streetlight 10 in Rickstones Road, plus the continual erosion of the verge down the slope from Stoverns Hall Farm, have been reported to ECC Highways.

Parish Council Website.

All relevant information is up to date.

Planning Matters.

Receiving details of those applications granted or refused.

Receiving verification from BDC Licensing Officer that the advertisement regarding Rivenhall Oaks Golf Centre should NOT have been published in the local press as no application has yet been received.

ECC & SBC Joint Waste Development Document.

Nothing further to report.

BDC's 'Allocations Development Plan Document'.

Nothing further to report.

Finance.

Reconciling the monthly budget figures and the Bank Statement.

Completing documentation for the Precept Meeting held on 27th November 2012.

Coffee Morning PC 'Surgery'.

Attending this on a fairly regular basis along with Councillors.

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 applications.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)
27th November 2012.