

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 01 JANUARY TO 30 JANUARY 2018.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

2018/2019 Precept request forwarded to BDC - first $\frac{1}{2}$ year to be paid in April 2018.

General Maintenance.

Lighting provision at the steps from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12 - HE replied that the steps/slopes are maintained by ECC Highways and the request for lighting has been referred to them. The village sign located on the Village Green has been blown down and badly damaged by the gales of 17/18 January. An insurance claim has been notified to the PC insurers and repairs will be initiated in due course. The sign has been removed to a safe location and an estimate for its repair is awaited.

Litter.

The PC litter picker has collected a great quantity of litter from the rear of the Village Hall, the tennis court and car parking area.

BDC Community Governance Review.

Notices re the 'open forum' preceding the February council meeting have been posted on the notice boards.

Planning Applications.

All new application notifications have been forwarded to Members via email.

Highways Maintenance.

Henry Dixon Road A12 underpass - HE claim that all's well now and they are confident that there will be no more flooding! However flooding has occurred again and been reported. HE and ECC are to hold a meeting to look at solutions.

HDR bollards are to be replaced with cast iron half-bell bollards designed to deflect HGVs - anticipated during February 2018.

The Chairman will be speaking with the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways early in the new year regarding both the HGV issues at the railway bridge and the weight restriction proposal along Oak Road to the A12.

St. Mary's Road/Church Road footways reported to ECC for urgent repair. A 'make safe' repair was completed. ECC request that, when damage is caused by HGVs, if possible, details (photographs) of the HGV be obtained and sent to ECC so that recovery action can be initiated.

Litter along various road verges reported to BDC for urgent clearing.

Various A12 closures have been notified to Members via e-mail.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The Chairman reports as follows: The Panel recommended deletion of 3 Rivenhall schemes which the Chairman managed to persuade them not to do. The main items are okay but the 3 items for Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road are questioned. Officers agreed to meet on site to look at Rectory Lane junction and the bend signage.

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)
30 January 2018