

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015.

Finance.

Accounts up to date.

Notification received from BDC that an additional on-off payment of £159.00 will be included with the first half-year Precept payment in April 2015 resulting from the estimated surplus on the BDC Council Tax Collection Fund as at 31 March 2015.

Essex Police.

Clerk attended the 16 February 'Village Meet', the next Meet will be on 16 March.

PCSO advised that attendance at the APA will not be possible.

Information given to the PCSO regarding the litter etc at the rear of the Village Hall and the motorcyclists continuing to use the fields north of Rickstones Road.

Public Footpaths.

Nothing to report this month.

General Maintenance.

General maintenance continues as planned.

Local Planning.

Letter sent to BDC re Application 14/01617/FUL - Colemans Fisheries and Application 15/00066/FUL - 318 Rickstones Road, as per the minutes of the February 2015 meeting.

Letter sent to ECC re further information for Colemans farm Quarry application.

Letter sent to BDC re the proposed changes to their scheme of delegation for planning applications as per the February 2015 minutes.

Letter compiled for distribution to local residents regarding the Bellway Homes Public Consultation Event re land to the north-east of Witham (Forest Road, Rivenhall) on Wednesday 4 March 2015.

Tarecroft Wood.

Still awaiting a reply from ECC. Further reminder email sent.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Damaged/demolished bollards in Rivenhall End and the potholes along Oak Road have again been reported to ECC.

Highways Agency - A12.

Invitation to attend the APA sent to the HA.

Accepted an invitation from the A12 Villages Traffic Action Group, set up to relieve Kelvedon and Feering from traffic accessing the A12 from Tiptree and Coggeshall, to become a non-attending, non-contributing correspondent of the Group (being kept 'in the loop').

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- (a) 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.**
- (b) 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.**
- (c) 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.**
- (d) Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE**. Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of March 2015.**
 - (e) 40mph buffer northwards along Church Road - Now agreed for an extension of the 30mph for 100 metres north out of the village.
 - (f) Extended railings outside the School entrance - **Scheme now delivered.**
 - (g) Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - Chairman will endeavour to have this revisited at a later date.
 - (h) Church Road/Oak Road clearer highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED. Delivery date 02/04/2015.**
 - (i) Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - to allow parking and protect verge from further damage. **AGREED AND FUNDED. £1,500**
 - (j) 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 is now complete for the compilation of this report with the exception of the March 2015 financial figures.

Annual Parish Assembly.

To date invitations to attend and present a report have been accepted by BDC and Rivenhall Primary School. Essex Police will not be in attendance.

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)
24 February 2015.