

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2015.

Finance.

Accounts up to date and draft end of year documentation completed as far as possible.
Appraising document received regarding the Transparency Code for smaller authorities.

Essex Police.

Clerk attended the 16 March 'Village Meet'. PCSO failed to attend while I was present on this occasion. Message sent requesting details of the April meeting.

Public Footpaths.

There is a new PROW Officer at ECC - Shirley Anglin - contact details as follows:
Tel: 01245 342957; Email: shirley.anglin@essexhighways.org

General Maintenance.

General maintenance continues as planned.

Letter sent to the RPPA re parking on the grassed area at the rear of the Village Hall. As per Minute 1064(ix). Item included on April agenda re possible purchase of new litter bin.

Network Rail.

A fourth letter sent regarding parking of vehicles on the footway and grass verges along Oak Road when Network Rail operatives are working close to the Railway Bridge.

Local Planning.

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

Letter sent to BDC re the Local Plan - Issues & Scoping Consultation - acknowledgement received.

Witham Town Council have requested a meeting to discuss the sites put forward for consideration, which appertain to both Witham and Rivenhall and as to how these sites, if approved, might affect the local Parish boundaries.

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Site.

Contrary to the request made by this Parish Council, ECC has granted permission for the removal of conditions 28 and 30, restricting the geographical source of waste materials.

Bradwell Quarry.

ECC has granted permission for the extraction of materials from sites A3 and A4 as identified in the Minerals Local Plan 2014 together with the retention of the existing access onto the A120.

Tarecroft Wood.

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

ECC Roads Maintenance.

No information has been received regarding the outstanding repairs along Oak Road.

ECC confirm that the ditch and pipe along Oak Road is the responsibility of the Rivenhall Oaks Golf Club and that a letter has been sent to them requesting that the ditch be cleared and the damaged pipe fixed. A further suggestion, after the ditch and pipe have been fixed, is that a Surface Water Alleviation Scheme be implemented.

Highways Agency - A12.

It appears that, with effect from 1 April 2015, the Highways Agency ceases to exist, being replaced by a new company called Highways England - more detailed information has been included in the April circulation box for Members.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **Scheme now delivered.**
- b. Railway Bridge, Oak Road - **Scheme now delivered.**
- c. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - The Chairman has requested a firm date for the implementation of this weight restriction from ECC.
- d. Church Road layby at church - **Delivery now due by end of the school Easter holiday.**
- e. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - an extension now agreed for 100 metres north out of the village.
- f. Extended railings outside the School entrance - **Scheme now delivered.**
- g. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - **Delivery date 02/04/2015.**
- h. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - **agreed and funded at £1,500.**
- i. A12 in Braintree District - Survey the PRoW truncated by the A12 and draw up a plan of action. To be referred to Central Government for further consideration.

Annual Report.

The Report has been printed as is ready for distribution at the end of April; Councillor volunteers required for the distribution.

Annual Parish Assembly.

Draft agenda completed.

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)
31 March 2015.