

# **CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 29 DECEMBER 2015 TO 26 JANUARY 2016.**

## **Finance/Administration.**

Accounts up to date, including 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Bank Reconciliation.

Information received re the future of external audit for smaller authorities - no real changes for Rivenhall at this stage.

## **Public Footpaths.**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

## **General Maintenance.**

Cllr. Clark agreed, at the January meeting to complete a maintenance survey ready for the February meeting.

## **BDC Local Plan.**

Cllr. Prime has completed a report on the feedback from the Public Forum on sites put forward for development in Rivenhall Parish and this has been emailed to each Member with a hard copy to be included with the February agenda.

## **General planning matters.**

Communication emailed to the Planning Inspector re the BDC enforcement notice for 3 Waterfall cottages.

## **ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan.**

Nothing further to report at this time.

## **Oak Road flooding problems.**

In November 2015, Braintree District Council and Essex County Council agreed to appoint NPS Consultants to manage the design and delivery of flood alleviation schemes including Oak Road, Rivenhall.

NPS have provided a provisional programme which includes investigation of the root causes of the flooding so that they can design appropriate solutions and invite tenders to implement the remedial works. In the case of Oak Road, the preliminary solutions include re-profiling of the existing ditch and the replacement of piped sections where blockages and/or pipe damage is evident.

NPS plan to invite tenders for the work in early January 2016 with a view to the 3 schemes being completed by the end of March 2016. However, it is not possible to provide specific dates for commencement of works for Oak Road until the tender documents are received with the detailed programme of works from the winning contractor.

## **Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.**

Comments sent to the Environment Agency as per the January Council Minute 1211(ii).

Yet another planning application has been received for the variation of condition 2 (application drawings) to allow amended layout of the IWMF.

An appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspector re the start date of March 2016 decided by ECC.

## **Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.**

The very latest information remains as follows:

The 2016/17 budget will be known soon and a reduction is likely. There are many schemes marked as green and ready for approval, but they cannot be sent off yet for final Cabinet approval until the budget is finally agreed.

#### Rivenhall schemes:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road (linked) new signage in Church Road/Oak Road. Scheme now advertised for consultation until 14 January 2016. One response received by ECC that they don't think will be a problem. New advance signage due for delivery Spring 2016.
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road. Public consultation underway. **The Police have objected.** ECC officers are asking the Cabinet Member if he will override the objection or not. Implementation by March 2016 if he does..
- c. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - a query was raised at the meeting regarding the nature of the grasscrete installation due to the apparent new muddy ruts.
- d. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions and potential Quiet Lane status - in validation. Quiet Lane status likely to be supported subject to funding, and apparently the District is only allowed a quota of such schemes.
- e. Safety improvements along, Park Road - in validation.
- f. Rickstones Road speed monitoring loop - The data doesn't meet the criteria for a VAS?SID (5mph above) nor does it meet the Police intervention criteria of 10%+2. [Data in next circulation pack]

#### Bradwell Quarry.

Nothing new to report this month.

#### Colemans Farm Quarry.

During w/c 24 January 2016 ECC will be giving further consideration to the potential impact of the development on Burghey Brook and the local water bodies.

#### ECC Roads Maintenance.

Items listed in the January minutes have been reported to ECC for action.

ECC report that signs and materials have been ordered for the reinstatement of the weight restriction sign at the entrance to Little Braxted Lane at Colemans Bridge, expected completion by 31 March 2016.

#### Network Rail.

NR report having written to Mr. Brice re their anticipated works for a parking area next to the Railway Bridge in Oak Road, but have, to date, received no reply.

#### Highways England

Improvements to the A12 cycle facility between Witham and marks Tey is due to commence on 18 January for 12 weeks with overnight working from 20.00 until 06.00.

#### 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)  
26 January 2016.