

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 31 JULY TO 28 AUGUST 2018.

Finance/Administration.

All matters are up to date..

General Maintenance.

The maintenance contractor has been requested, at the appropriate time, to crown lift, up to head height, the trees at the recycling site and on the village green.

A request has been sent to a local resident re the voluntary watering of the planters at the end of St. Mary's Road - reply still awaited.

Agreed via the Chairman for that the maintenance contractor has been requested to trim back the overhanging trees along the footway below Stoverns Hall Farm; to trim back the overgrowth 25 to 30m either side of the Rickstones Road notice board and to trim back the overgrowth either side of Footpath 1 alongside the Academy fence, all before the students return after the summer vacation.

P.R.o W. No. 43 - Potters Crossing.

ECC Highways have notified that this footpath will be closed from 1 September 2018 for 35 days or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting, and is required for the safety of the public and workforce while essential track repairs are undertaken.

Village Sign - Insurance Claim.

Still awaiting details of repair completion and installation date.

Glass Bus Shelter, Rickstones Road.

Bus shelter repaired on 16 August 2018; repair invoice forwarded to insurers.

Network Rail.

Level crossing Inquiry resumes on 25 September 2018.

Litter.

Fly tip of clothes behind the hedge, approximately 200m beyond the recycling site in Oak Road - reported to BDC.

Planning Applications.

All planning matters have been dealt with as per the latest minutes.

Bradwell Quarry.

The latest from ECC: "*Planning permission (ESS/03/18/BTE) has been granted for an extension to Bradwell Quarry, east of Braintree (site A5 in the Minerals Local Plan). The extension area will provide a further 2 million tonnes of sand and gravel and the site will be restored to a combination of agriculture, woodland and areas of priority biodiversity habitat.*"

Highways Maintenance.

On 20 August 2018 another HGV actually collided with the Railway Bridge resulting in late running of trains, bridge inspection, queuing either side of the bridge and up to the A12 and attendance by Essex Police. The Chairman has again reiterated to ECC the necessity of measures being put in place to prevent future occurrences.

The Chairman has written to HE requesting, once again, that remedial measures be taken to alleviate the flooding under the A12 at Henry Dixon Road.

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)
28 August 2018