

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 24 APRIL TO 29 MAY 2017.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

Financial records have been subjected to Internal Audit verification - no problems reported.

Street Cleaning Grant documents completed and returned to BDC for payment. Payment received.

BDC Governance Review document completed as per the April minutes and returned.

Cllr. Anderson booked in to attend the Police Conference on 7 June 2017.

Annual Parish Assembly.

Annual Report printed for distribution; APA documents ready for the meeting; agendas issued.

General Maintenance.

New dog waste bin and litter bin to be erected in Rectory Lane by BDC.

Maintenance contractor requested to reinstate the damaged post on the Village Green.

BDC Local Plan.

BDC has postponed the main Committee date until June 2017.

Rivenhall Airfield - IWMF.

Letters sent to ECC and BDC as per the April minutes.

Response forwarded to the Environment Agency as per the Chairman's comments.

Planning Applications.

Dealt with as per the April Minutes

Planning Appeals.

There are no new appeals to report.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The ECC Cabinet Member has decided to withdraw his decision to drop this scheme. This means it will **NOT** now go to the Scrutiny Committee. A new report will be drawn up and that will include further work on whether an exemption can be given to the landowner for access to his field.
- b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
- c. *Rectory Lane* - the blocking up of the lane has been rejected. 'Quiet Lane' signs are to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane in due course.
- d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.
- (e) Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman has submitted a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.
- (f) A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road has been Submitted. (Suggested that the 2 current, out of date, bend warning signs be replaced with current standard 20mph advisory signs warning of bends plus concealed junction. Also that the road lining at the junction be looked at to make it as safe as possible with consideration given to make it safe for pedestrians crossing while using the John Ray Walk.

Highways Maintenance.

One of the traffic island bollards in Henry Dixon Hall has been demolished - reported to ECC. ECC has indicated that no action will be taken to improve the resurface entrance to The Drive, off Henry Dixon Road.

A120 re-routing.

Nothing further to report at this stage.

Highways England

It would appear that HE are to close the A12 at Rivenhall End overnight on, or about, the 26 April 2017 so that BT can replace a large cable from north to south across the highway. More details will follow as they can be ascertained.

Public Footpaths.

Potters level crossing will be closed with replacement footpaths put in place in due course. The PC recommendation has not been accepted and NR has proposed a new FP from Hoo Hall across to join with FP48 then south across to join Oak Road at the Railway Bridge and then FP47.

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)
25 April 2017