

# **CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2015.**

## **Finance/Administration.**

Accounts up to date.

Relevant documents for year ending 31 March 2015 sent to external auditor.

Minutes for 2010-2015 received bound from bookbinders.

Communicating with the Pensions Regulator regarding new regulations relating to workplace pension schemes - I shall opt out in due course.

## **New Council.**

List of all meeting dates sent to the new District Councillor with an invitation to attend as he feels is appropriate.

Amended Parish Councillor details displayed on notice boards and the website.

## **ECC Statement of Community Involvement = Public Consultation.**

Comments, initiated by the Chairman, sent to ECC within the consultation period.

## **BDC Land Ownership.**

A map has been produced showing just 4 land areas within Rivenhall Village - Village Hall & Playing Field; Oak Stores; the green in St. Mary's Road and the large Village Green. BDC does not have any land ownership in Rivenhall End.

## **Public Footpaths.**

Footpaths 59 and 48 - across the golf course and onto Oak Road -new posts and waymark signs required.

## **General Maintenance.**

General maintenance continues as planned.

Order not yet placed for the litter bin at the end of the Village hall car park as BDC has not replied to request for them to supply & erect at no cost to RPC.

Further communication sent to BDC re new litter bin at the end of the Village Hall car park area.

## **Greenfields grass maintenance.**

Tall grass surrounding the salt bin at the approach to the garage site off Beech Road has been trimmed.

Local residents in the bungalows along Rickstones Road have been informed that vehicle parking is not allowed on the grass area outside the bungalows.

## **Rivenhall End recreational area.**

Letter sent to Mr. Brice asking if he would consider offering a portion of land off Oak Road for this purpose, as per Minute 1077(vi), March 2015. No reply to date.

## **Tarecroft Wood.**

Further communications with ECC are due to resume during July 2015.

## **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. No detailed reply to date.

## **Essex Police.**

The Parish Council is now registered on the Essex police "Action Fraud Alert" website; incidents will be notified as they occur.

## **Local Planning.**

Documents sent to BDC relating to the recent planning applications 15/00594 & 15/00634 considered at the June meeting.

#### **ECC Waste Development Plan.**

Cllr. Wright agreed to attend the Engagement Event on 19 June 2015 and his details were duly notified to ECC.

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

Nothing further to report.

#### **Bradwell Quarry.**

Nothing further to report.

#### **ECC Roads Maintenance.**

Chairman urgently communicated with ECC Highways re Church Road closure notice for 22 June 2015; ECC subsequently changed the dates for this closure to Sunday working to avoid problems with local bus services.

ECC confirm that all street light stubs are to be replaced during this financial year.

Request made for ECC to inspect and take remedial action regarding the overgrown willow trees along Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End and, once again, for the concrete bollards at the junction of Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road to be reinstated. Re the Willow Trees, ECC say "...a boundary check is required to establish the extent of the maintainable highway. Once we are in receipt of this information, any trees that are considered to make up part of the adopted highway will be inspected, risk assessed and dealt with accordingly."

A further request made to ECC Highways regarding the ditch/culvert taking surface water from the golf course that floods along Oak Road.

#### **Highways England - A12.**

Drawings for The Fox junction now to hand - very similar to those proposed and dropped earlier - a hard triangle island. HE say that work will commence this year.

Still no agreement on replacement signs near Whitelands.

#### **Rectory Lane.**

An initial communication has been sent to ECC Highways regarding action to prevent Rectory Lane becoming a local 'rat run' from the Forest Road estate. A BDLHP bid is being compiled.

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

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Fully approved at £46k less the £5k from RPC.
- b. Church Road layby at church - Scheme completed
- c. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed.
- d. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Fully approved £8.5k; some cutting back of Church Road hedge will be required to improve visibility.
- e. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.

#### **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)  
30 June 2015.