

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 26 JANUARY TO 27 FEBRUARY 2018.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

Invitations have been sent to attend the APA on 1 May 2018 to the following; BDC; MP; School and Greenfields. To date BDC and Greenfields have indicated attendance, school unable to be represented this year.

General Maintenance.

Lighting provision at the steps from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12 - HE replied that the steps/slopes are maintained by ECC Highways and the request for lighting has been referred to them. Negotiating re estimates for repair of the village sign and communicating with the council's insurers. This is proving to be a lengthy process - the original suppliers (25 years ago) are unable to consider any repairs and it's difficult to find other repairers.

Parking notices re grass verges and the Village Green have been printed.

Rats under sheds - Village Hall.

RPFA purchased 2 humane rat traps with the costs shared 50/50 with the council; RPFA caretaker will monitor traps and arrange disposal of dead rats. Council Chairman agreed to this action being taken.

A12 & A120.

From the latest meeting - the A120 route announcement is expected from ECC in June. During 2019 HE and the Government are to say whether or not they agree with that route and whether there is funding. Any construction during period 2023-2026.

A12 route announcement now perhaps March 2018 with a possible construction start September 2020 commencing at the Chelmsford end.

Litter.

Three apparently abandoned vehicles in the Tusser Close garages area have been reported to Greenfields. 1 vehicle subsequently removed and 2 others will be removed as soon as possible. Greenfields will re-inspect after a month.

Litter picker had to spend a long time clearing litter from around the tennis court at the rear of the Village Hall.

BDC Community Governance Review.

Communication sent to BDC and Witham TC as per the February minutes. Reply received which is rather vague, so have requested a map if that can be arranged, reply awaited.

Planning Applications.

All applications dealt with as per the February minutes.

Highways Maintenance.

Henry Dixon Road A12 underpass - the current repair works may last up to 8 weeks with traffic light control.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

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)
27 February 2018