

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2013.

Finance.

All financial matters are up to date.

I have received notice that the second half-year payment of the Annual Precept, £4303.00, will be paid into the PC bank account on, or about the 28th September.

The annual audit for year ending 31st March 2013 has been concluded by PKF Littlejohn with no adverse comments. Notices have been displayed on the PC notice boards.

Street Lighting.

Reiterated representations to ECC that certain lights remain operational all night. No reply to date.

Parking Matters.

Publication of official notice was to be included in the local press on 28th August 2013. If there are no objections by 19th September 2013, it could be possible for the revised parking restrictions to be installed during the October half-term break.

General maintenance.

Application submitted to The Woodland Trust for the free supply of 400+ saplings suitable for hedging along Oak Road in between the Railway Bridge and the field entrance gate. Correspondence with local Churchwarden re the possibility of utilising some of the saplings to in-fill the hedge by the School if the PC's application is successful. 80 prepaid cards have been received from Rivenhall Parish, a much higher figure than was expected.

A12 junction with Oak Road.

Nothing further to report on this subject.

Henry Dixon Road/A12 underpass.

Nothing further to report on this subject.

Public Footpaths.

I have not received any further information from ECC on this matter.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

ECC indicate that: "... the carriageway repairs will be undertaken along Church Road...anticipated completed by the end of September 2013. Following these works, including the zebra crossing will be renewed...the missing post has been reported to street lighting and will be replaced in due course."

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

Cllr. Abbott will submit a formal request for the extension of the 30mph speed limit along Church Road together with a 40mph buffer zone.

ECC estimated costings for Rickstones Road verges and drain repairs given at £131k.

Railway Bridge, Oak Road.

There have been a number of reports regarding HGVs having to either turn round or reverse back along Oak Road once arriving at the Railway Bridge due to drivers ignoring the warning signs further back in Rivenhall. The PC Chairman (as ECC Member) has written to Essex Trading Standards.

Tarecroft Wood.

Letters have been sent to End to End Nature Care, The Woodland Trust and Essex Wildlife Trust regarding collaboration on the future management of the woodland. All have indicated their willingness to become involved with the PC.

Planning Matters.

Receiving details of Planning Applications for appraisal at the next PC meeting.

Coffee Morning PC 'Surgery'.

There has been a regular PC presence at the Coffee Morning.

Liaison with Chairman.

Liaison with the Chairman upon various items of correspondence, the agenda for the next meeting and the photocopying/collection, as necessary, of planning applications.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)
24th September 2013.