

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2013.

Finance.

All financial matters are up to date.

Parking Matters.

Arrangements are in hand for a police presence outside the school, hopefully this will deal with any persistent offenders and cause motorists to reduce their speed.

A12 at Rivenhall End.

A second-hand car franchise has opened at the former BP garage on the northbound carriageway and Starbucks have opened their coffee franchise on the southbound carriageway.

Hedging Trees.

Having secured a good supply of hedging trees from The Woodland Trust, some of those, surplus to Council requirements, have been offered to the local school for use along the churchyard boundary.

Braintree - Witham 33kv Project.

Confirmation has been received that the footpath crossing Rickstones Road at the bottom of Stoverns Farm hill will be reinstated to its original condition following the completion of the works.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

The new large pothole just before the junction of Oak Road and Rickstones Road has been reported to ECC.

The southern slip road at the Colemans Interchange will be closed overnight from 6th to 11th January to allow for resurfacing work to be undertaken. Diverted traffic to go via Newland Street, Witham. The Chairman has sent a very detailed complaint to ECC regarding the flooding of Rickstones Road due to the dysfunctional roadside drainage system.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

ECC indicate that the proposed 30mph speed limit on Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road has been passed to their contractor to cost and programme for completion before the end of March 2014.

Superfast Essex Broadband Project.

Latest information is as follows: "*Rivenhall is an area that will be supplied with fibre broadband ... with works commencing right at the very start of the project in 2014 ... this is still subject to change further to surveys, design and planning which are currently underway ... Rivenhall End will also access fibre within the same works, pending successful surveying.*"

Railway Bridge, Oak Road.

Still no reply from Network Rail regarding parking.

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 application documents.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)
31st December 2013.