

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014.

Finance.

Documentation up to date.

External audit satisfactorily completed and official notices displayed on notice boards as required.

The second half-year precept payment of £4,390.00 has been received from BDC.

Essex Police.

PCSO Will Gladwell will be holding a 1 hour 'Street Meet' in Rivenhall Village Hall from 10.00 to 11.00 hours on Thursday 23 October 2014 for any member of the public to attend and talk with him about any problem or concern they may have. These will become regular events.

Half-Year Report.

Work commenced on the compilation of the report. A draft will, hopefully, be available at the October meeting.

Possible Future Alteration of Parish Boundaries.

Report produced for councillors to be circulated with the agenda for the October meeting.

General Maintenance.

Due to family illness the maintenance contractor may fall a bit behind with his work schedule.

New Dog Waste Bin has been ordered from Glasdon, for delivery to Cllr. Clark and erection in Rickstones Road by the Maintenance Contractor.

BDC Autumn grass verge cut during week 20-26 October 2014.

Planning.

Comments re The Barn at Ford Farm, Church Road and The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane have been forwarded to BDC.

Comments re the integrated Waste Management Facility at Rivenhall Airfield have been forwarded to ECC and an acknowledgement received.

Objections re the proposed sand and gravel extraction plant at Colemans Farm have been forwarded to ECC and an acknowledgement received.

Tarecroft Wood.

Still awaiting a reply from ECC.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

ECC indicate that the outstanding repairs along Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road in Rivenhall End are scheduled to commence on 29 September for up to 5 days. There will be a 20mph limit during daily working hours.

The 'Give Way' sign at the junction of Oak Road and Rickstones Road has been replaced.

Notification of the support by RPC for the Little Braxted Lane/Colemans Bridge junction improvements has been forwarded to ECC.

Agreed that the ECC Rangers will trim overhanging bushes etc along Footpath 1 in Rickstones Road.

Highways Agency - A12.

Nothing further to report.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

Oak Road Railway Bridge widen footway and introduce priority working - Previously fully **AGREED** and **FUNDED**. Was due for delivery by end of March 2014. **New date for delivery November 2014**. Cost £45,000. Late due to ongoing investigations as to where cables run and dialogue with farmers about width for agricultural machinery. Still being wrongly described in the LHP lists as

signal controlled [ECC were advised post the April meeting that it is not and have been again]. New plans produced and circulated at meeting - may need final tweaks as safety audit to take place.

Oak Road one-way weight restriction towards the A12 junction - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme). **New date for design delivery is now December 2014.**

Rickstones Road widening, new drainage and kerbing - **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.** Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **New delivery date February 2015.**

Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED** to commission design at cost of £1.5k. Estimated scheme cost £20k. **New date for design delivery is December 2014.**

Extend safety railing at Rivenhall School, Church Road - **AGREED AND FUNDED.** 22m of new railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. Delivery date not known as this was a verbal only item - it will be minuted though. Thanked officers for moving this scheme through so quickly.

Extend 30mph (or introduce 40mph buffer) northwards along Church Road Rivenhall - Speed survey now completed (loops set at the War Memorial) and shows that the majority of drivers are exceeding the 30mph limit. ECC officers still think this isn't strong enough for them to recommend a 40mph buffer but are willing for the PC Chairman to attempt to get it through as an exception to policy - Chair of the LHP has agreed this action.

Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance. A letter in support of the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.

New, clearer signage Church Road and Oak Road warning of low railway bridge and weight restriction ahead. **AGREED AND FUNDED.** Final drawings for new signs to be produced. Cost £4,500.

New scheme submitted and awaiting validation - 2 small areas of grasscrete in Oak Road near the Railway Bridge to allow parking and protect the verge from further damage.

Liaison with Chairman.

Liaison with the Chairman upon various items of correspondence, the agenda for the next meeting and planning application documents.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)
30 September 2014.