

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 01 JANUARY TO 30 JANUARY 2018.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

General Maintenance.

Lighting provision at the steps from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12 is under consideration by Highways England, reply awaited by beginning of February 2018.

Litter.

BDC Community Governance Review.

BDC has confirmed consultation proposals for the extension of the Witham Boundary to include the Forest Road development site and Eastways Industrial site; these proposals are now subject to a further period of public consultation between 1 January 2018 and 28 February 2018.

ECC & SBC Adopted Waste Local Plan.

Planning Applications.

Dealt with as per January Minutes.

Highways Maintenance.

Henry Dixon Road A12 underpass - HE claim that all's well now and they are confident that there will be no more flooding! However flooding has occurred again and been reported. HE and ECC are to hold a meeting to look at solutions.

HDR bollards are to be replaced with cast iron half-bell bollards designed to deflect HGVs - anticipated during February 2018.

The Chairman will be speaking with the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways early in the new year regarding both the HGV issues at the railway bridge And the weight restriction proposal along Oak Road to the A12.

A120 re-routing.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

For the very latest information remains as follows:

- a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The Chairman has met with the ECC Cabinet Member who indicated that there are now three statutory objections, plus the fact the ECC are not minded to take any further action until such time as the route of the A12 has been determined.
- b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
- c. *Rectory Lane* - the stopping up of this lane has been rejected although discussions continue. 'Quiet Lane' signs are expected to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane before the end of 2017/2018.
- d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles. ECC has to date advised that they are not aware of a suitable height warning system that could be used in that location and that a signage review is being undertaken. The Chairman has suggested to ECC that at a minimum a prominent height warning sign should be erected between the recycling area and the Hoo Hall turn on the left hand side going down Oak Road towards the railway bridge in order to try to stop HGVs from going any further than that point.

- e. Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman has submitted a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.
- f. A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road has been submitted. (Suggested that the 2 current, out of date, bend warning signs be replaced with current standard 20mph advisory signs warning of bends plus concealed junction. Also that the road lining at the junction be looked at to make it as safe as possible with consideration given to make it safe for pedestrians crossing while using the John Ray Walk.
- g. A new scheme is to be validated re the bend on Church Road close to the northern bound bus stop opposite where the wall has been damaged outside the residential property.
- h. The request for a 30 mph limit along the Colemans Bridge A12 slip road has been formally submitted to the BDLHP.
- i. A new scheme to be submitted re Rectory Lane as follows: For the erection of signs indicating 'Lane not suitable for HGVs'; signs indicating 'Road narrows'; and the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction along the entire length of Rectory Lane from Rickstones Road to Forest Road."

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 January 2018