

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 25 JULY TO 28 AUGUST 2017.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

The External Audit for year ending 31 March 2017 has been successfully completed.

Foxden Parking.

Residents' consultation letters distributed, replies are being received.

General Maintenance.

Everything appears to be satisfactory, BDC has been notified of 1 fly-tip along Rectory Lane.

Public Rights of Way.

Problems associated with both RIV 48 and 59 have been reported to ECC.

Riv 43 (Potters Foot Crossing) will be temporarily closed on 21 August 2017 for 4 weeks or where appropriate while emergency works to the deck is undertaken due to deterioration.

Essex Police.

A request for regular patrols covering the Rickstones Road and Rectory Lane area has been submitted to the Braintree & Uttlesford Community Policing Team. The Police have made a request for any available units to have a patrol around the area and obtain details of any cars/people in the vicinity.

BDC Community Governance Review.

Notices of the public consultation exercise have been displayed on all the local notice boards.

BDC Local Plan.

A Freedom of Information Request has been submitted to BDC for details of all correspondence between landowners, their agents, or developers with BDC in the last 2 years regarding land off Rickstones Road, Forest Road and Rectory Lane...re potential future development above and beyond that already allocated at the agreed Growth Location.

Bellway Developments.

An initial discussion was held with Bellway on 17 August where it was confirmed they intend to apply for permission to develop the land to the south of Rickstones Road, between Forest Road and Rectory Lane. A further public consultation event is to be held on 31 August in the New Rickstones Academy from 16.00 to 19.30; invitation letters are being sent out to local residents. (Parish Councillors are invited to attend from 15.00 to 16.00)

Rivenhall Airfield - IWMF.

A request for an extension of time, up to 18 September 2017, has been requested for responses to the new planning applications submitted to ECC. ECC has granted an extension of 2-3 days only. Chairman will provide suggested response for the September meeting.

Colemans Farm Quarry.

Representations for the refusal of the latest planning application for access off Braxted Road has been submitted to ECC.

Planning Applications.

Dealt with as per the August Minutes.

Revised planning application for Bellingham Court dealt with between meetings with 'No Comments' reply to BDC.

Planning Appeals.

There are no new appeals to report.

Albert Moss Playing Field.

Following on from the vehicle fire and littering that occurred earlier in August, the arrangements for closing the entry gate have been reviewed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Highways Maintenance.

There are no issues to be reported.

A120 re-routing.

Nothing further to report at this stage.

Highways England

Nothing to report at this time.

Potters Level Crossing.

The Pre-Inquiry Meeting was held on 9 August 2017 - a copy of the minutes is awaited.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

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.
- 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.

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)
28 August 2017