

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts up to date.

Still waiting the closure of the external audit for 2014/15.

BDC Land Ownership.

Enquiries are ongoing into the ownership of the grassed area in Foxmead and who is arranging and paying for the grass to be maintained.

Public Footpaths.

Motor cycles continue to be ridden along The John Ray Walk off Rickstones Road.

General Maintenance.

Enquiries continue to find a replacement Maintenance Contractor. Adverts displayed on notice boards and in Oak Stores.

A meeting has been arranged with a prospective new locally based Maintenance Contractor - details will be available at the September Council Meeting.

Tarecroft Wood.

Reply awaited from ECC after the site meeting held on 22 July 2015.

Local Planning.

Documents sent to BDC relating to the recent planning applications considered at the August meeting.

The planning application re Colemans Farm Quarry: any decision has been deferred by ECC pending a site visit by all the members of the ECC D & R Committee. Still awaiting details.

ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan.

In line with the Chairman's circulated comments, the Council's response was forwarded to ECC before the closure of the consultation period.

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.

Letter re the latest appeal sent to the Planning Inspectorate on 14 August 2015.

In liaison with the Chairman regarding the following planning applications received from ECC and which have to be dealt with prior to the September Parish Council meeting.

ESS/55/14/BTE/10/1 - Condition 10 relating to written scheme and programme of archaeological investigation and recording.

ESS/55/14/BTE/11/1 - Condition 11 relating to level 3 historical survey of airfield buildings and structures.

ESS/55/14/BTE/64/1 - Condition 14 relating to Scheme and programme of historic building record for Woodhouse Farm and buildings.

ESS/55/14/BTE/52a/1 - Condition 52a relating to scheme of odour control during excavation and construction.

ESS/55/14/BTE/51a/1 - Condition 51a relating to scheme of dust suppression during excavation and construction.

ESS/55/14/BTE/46/1 - Condition 48 relating to scheme of soil handling.

ESS/55/14/BTE/25/1 - Condition 25 relating to contaminated land assessment.

There was no need for RPC to comment - they are fairly straightforward - just setting out how they will deal with issues such as archaeology and recording of the listed buildings. Some of the info was published previously as far back as 2010.

Bradwell Quarry.

Nothing new to report this month.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

The Chairman has requested the reinstatement of the "SLOW" roadway marking at Stoverns Hill, Rickstones Road.

Network Rail.

Still awaiting details from Network Rail re the parking issue near the Railway Bridge; however, Network Rail have cleared the roadside vegetation which encroached out from the bridge.

Highways England - A12.

Letters delivered to local residents regarding the proposed junction improvements at The Fox. Request made by the Chairman for the inclusion of a Parish Council representative at the A12 Widening Stakeholder Meetings.

From Highways England..."A carriageway defect was picked up during the resurfacing works - two transverse adjoining bays in lane 1 were moving under load. This points to an issue with the sub-base below the bays. In order to avoid impacting the defect the resurfacing operation was halted 5m prior to the defect and then started again after a length of 12m to avoid the joints. We are undertaking further investigation...hope that we could complete the resurfacing whilst undertaking the junction safety improvement later in the year."

The Fox junction improvement works have been delayed. No new date has yet been disclosed.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Fully approved at £46k less the £5k from RPC. There will be a public consultation period
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed for an additional 125 metres. There will be a public consultation period.
- c. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Fully approved £8.5k; some cutting back of Church Road hedge will be required to improve visibility.
- d. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.
- e. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions - submitted for approval.
- f. Reflector bollards outside waterfall Cottages, Park Road - submitted for approval.
- g. Introduction of a speed monitoring loop on Rickstones Road, at the bottom of Stoverns Hill - submitted for approval.

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)
25 August 2015.