

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2015.

Finance.

Accounts up to date and documents for year ending 31 March 2015 have been submitted to, and agreed by, the Internal Auditor.

Notices regarding the External Audit have been displayed as required.

50% Precept plus Localism Fund Grant received from BDC.

Request for VAT reimbursement sent to HMRC.

BDC Street Scene Agreement completed and submitted along with the appropriate invoice. Payment received 24 April 2015.

Council Insurance.

Carrying out a comparison of the council's insurance requirements having received quotations from AOL and Zurich and drafting a recommendation for consideration at the May meeting for a change of Insurer to Zurich who quoted a much more competitive premium.

Essex Police.

Date of the next Village Meet 19 May 2015, at Oak Stores, Church Road, 10.00-11.00 hours.

Public Footpaths.

Nothing further to report.

General Maintenance.

General maintenance continues as planned.

Order not yet placed for the litter bin at the end of the Village hall car park as BDC has not replied to request for them to supply & erect at no cost to RPC.

Elections.

Printing and displaying election notices on behalf of Braintree District Council.

Rectory Lane.

Letters sent to all residents of Rectory Lane as per Minutes 1077(i), March 2015.

Replies received to date as follows: 5 in favour 1 not.

Rivenhall End recreational area.

Letter sent to Mr. Brice asking if he would consider offering a portion of land off Oak Road for this purpose, as per Minute 1077(vi), March 2015. No reply to date.

Network Rail.

A fourth letter sent regarding parking of vehicles on the footway and grass verges along Oak Road when Network Rail operatives are working close to the Railway Bridge. No detailed reply to date.

Local Planning.

Notes from the meeting with Witham Town Council are included in the circulation box.

Letter sent to ECC re further information for Colemans Farm Quarry application.

Letter sent to BDC re 15/00234/FUL - dropped kerb at Hoo Hall Lodge as per Minute 1078, March 2015.

Letter sent to Maldon D.C. requesting consultation relative to future planning applications for the Commodity Centre, Braxted Road; also communication with Great Braxted PC regarding liaison regarding the same as per Minute 1077(viii), March 2015. Great Braxted PC agreed to liaise but no reply from MDC to date.

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Site.

Nothing further to report.

Bradwell Quarry.

Letter sent to ECC re further information for ESS/24/14/BTE/35/01 - Environmental Management Plan.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Further report sent to ECC regarding damaged/demolished bollards at Oak Road/Henry Dixon Road junction, Rivenhall End.

Park Gate Road will be closed to through traffic from 5 to 6 May 2015 due to resurfacing work.

Highways England - A12.

The latest from Highways England - former Highways Agency - as follows:

A12 resurfacing at Rivenhall End re-programmed for delivery in 2015/16.

Design work for the Oak Road junction improvements due for delivery in 2015/16.

The footway/cycleway should be improved this year

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Currently being re-assessed by ECC.
- b. Church Road layby at church - Scheme completed
- c. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed.
- d. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Scheme to be linked with (a) above.
- e. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.

Annual Parish Assembly.

Everything ready for the meeting on 12 May 2015. Notices to be displayed on 5 May together with publication of agenda.

Henry Dixon Road VAS.

An order has been placed with Solagen for the change of signface to read 30mph, for a new battery and other associated work to re-erect the VAS on the existing post at Henry Dixon Road. Lead time given as 4-6 weeks.

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 April 2015.