

# CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2014.

## Finance.

Documentation up to date.

## Essex Police.

PCSO Will Gladwell, who has served the parish well over the last 6 years, has moved on to a different area. He has been replaced by PCSO Terri Johnson, another experienced and capable PCSO. Cllr. Bills and myself attended the 'Police Meet' at the Village Hall on 23 October 2014; we were the only two persons who attended.

## Public Footpaths.

A complaint was received and passed to Essex Police regarding youths riding motorcycles along Footpath No. 7 (John Ray Walk). The culprits were caught by the local PCSO and warned off - they came from some miles away and not from either Rivenhall or Witham (one was from Clacton).

## Half-Year Report.

Report completed and made available for distribution during October.

## General Maintenance.

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

The maintenance Contractor has been requested to repair the base of the village sign on the Village Green and to repair the broken chain also on the Village Green.

## Planning.

Comments re the car parking at E.H. Smith Builders have been forwarded to BDC.

## The former Fox public house.

BDC has confirmed receipt of the PC's request to list The Fox Inn, London Road as an asset of community value; they have 8 weeks in which to decide whether the property should be included in the BDC List of Assets of Community Value.

## Tarecroft Wood.

Still awaiting a reply from ECC.

## ECC Roads Maintenance.

Work has been undertaken on the drains along Rickstones Road, below Stoverns Hall Farm, but it is not known whether this is part of the BDLHLP scheme detailed below.

## Highways Agency - A12.

The vehicle accident outside Whitelands was reported to the Highways Agency.

Another car came to grief at the A12/Oak Road junction, the vehicle came to rest next to the broken wall of No. 2. This has been reported to the Highways Agency.

## Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

Rickstones Road drains 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. **Delivery date 01/02/2015.**

Railway Bridge, Oak Road - widen footway and introduce priority working. Final plans now signed off and agreed with the farmers (re width for agricultural machinery). **New delivery date 20/03/2015, but should be sooner based on information to hand.** ECC say that the works are expected to take up to 2 weeks to complete, subject to weather, and a complete road closure will be in force for the duration of the works.

7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - 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). **Date for delivery has now been put back to 27/02/2015.**

Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE**. Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of march 2015.**

40mph buffer northwards along Church Road - Speed survey conducted which showed average speeds above 30mph at War Memorial. ECC officers reluctant to agree scheme but after long discussion, Panel **AGREED** to recommend to Cabinet Member as an exception to policy. No delivery date yet known.

Extended railings outside the School entrance - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. 22m of new Railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. **Delivery date 10/12/2014.**

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.

Church Road/Oak Road clearer highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. **Delivery date 02/04/2015.**

Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - to allow parking and protect verge from further damage. **AGREED AND FUNDED**. £1,500

#### **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 October 2014.