

# **CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT 21 NOVEMBER TO 29 DECEMBER 2015.**

## **Finance/Administration.**

Accounts up to date.

Copy of 2015/2016 Electoral Register received from BDC.

Receiving and printing various documents from EALC.

Undertaking administration following the Precept meeting on 16 December 2015.

## **Public Footpaths.**

The tree branch along F/path 38 has been removed and all other trees inspected and given the okay.

## **General Maintenance.**

The Environment Agency indicated that, due to financial cut-backs, no action can be taken to clear Rivenhall Brook.

## **BHF Defibrillator Grant.**

The defibrillator equipment that has arrived has been passed to Cllr. Wright as per Minute 1187(ii), 1 December 2015.

## **Tarecroft Wood.**

Nothing further to report at this stage.

My opinion, (and it is only that), is that ECC will continue to retain the ownership of this woodland and hopefully consult the Parish Council regarding future management issues.

## **BDC Local Plan.**

Notices have been displayed to advertise the Council's public forum to inspect and comment upon the future development sites submitted to BDC for consideration.

Following the Precept Meeting these notices were printed in sufficient numbers to be distributed to each residence in the parish. This Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 5 January 2016 commencing at 19.00 hours, preceding the January Parish Council meeting.

## **ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan.**

Nothing further to report at this time.

## **Oak Road flooding problems.**

In November 2015, Braintree District Council and Essex County Council agreed to appoint NPS Consultants to manage the design and delivery of flood alleviation schemes including Oak Road, Rivenhall.

NPS have provided a provisional programme which includes investigation of the root causes of the flooding so that they can design appropriate solutions and invite tenders to implement the remedial works. In the case of Oak Road, the preliminary solutions include re-profiling of the existing ditch and the replacement of piped sections where blockages and/or pipe damage is evident.

NPS plan to invite tenders for the work in early January 2016 with a view to the 3 schemes being completed by the end of March 2016. However, it is not possible to provide specific dates for commencement of works for Oak Road until the tender documents are received with the detailed programme of works from the winning contractor.

## **Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.**

Public consultation event held by the Environment Agency held in Silver End Village Hall on Wednesday 2 December 2015.

## **Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.**

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road (linked) new signage in Church Road/Oak Road. Scheme now advertised for consultation until 14 January 2016.

- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road. There will be a public consultation period with implementation by March 2016.
- d. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - due November 2015.
- e. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions - in validation.
- f. Reflector bollards along, Park Road - in validation.
- g. Introduction of a speed monitoring loop on Rickstones Road, approved.

The next meetings of the BDLHP will take place on Monday 18 January 2016 and Thursday 24 March 2016, both in Causeway House.

A suggested height activated warning system just south of the Oak Road/Rickstones Road junction has been referred to the Liaison Panel Officer who replied that this is very unlikely to be considered.

#### **Bradwell Quarry.**

Nothing new to report this month.

#### **Colemans Farm Quarry.**

Nothing new to report this month

#### **ECC Roads Maintenance.**

Items listed in the December minutes have been reported to ECC for action.

Missing weight limit sign at the entrance to Little Braxted Lane reported again to ECC.

#### **Network Rail.**

Nothing further to report at this stage.

#### **Highways England**

Work completed re the junction of Oak Road and the A12.

Request sent to HE requesting information regarding the rumours that a new/improved cycle track along the A12 from Witham to Marks Tey is to be constructed before Easter 2016.

#### **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)  
29 December 2015.