

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 22 FEBRUARY TO 29 MARCH 2016.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts up to date..

Work continues in preparation for the APA.

Documentation has arrived regarding the 2015/2016 Annual External Audit - the same Auditors as last year.

Arrangements have been made for the annual Internal Audit to commence on 7 April 2016.

Public Footpaths.

There is nothing new to report at this time.

General Maintenance.

An inspection of all the bus shelters has been undertaken.

Southbound A12 - good condition with a few minor defects - one lower board softening and a few tiles missing. Not necessary to carry out work in short term.

Northbound A12 - good condition with a few minor defects - one lower board starting to crumble. Not necessary to carry out work immediately but board will need replacing in not too distant future.

Oak wooden stop - good condition with very minor (paintwork) defects. No action necessary.

Oak glass stop - good condition but needs a wash clean at some point - the Maintenance Contractor does not have the equipment necessary for this work.

Paths and steps from Henry Dixon Road to the A12 cleared and cleaned.

The Oak Triangle area has been repaired and re-seeded - and driven over in the meantime!

The rotten posts surrounding the Village Green have been replaced.

Grass cutting has commenced.

BDC Local Plan.

Nothing to report this month.

ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan.

The Pre Submission Draft published on 3 March 2016 for a consultation period of six weeks.

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.

Final planning approval given by ECC on 26 February 2016.

Ground clearance work commenced subsequent to the above approval.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

There are many schemes marked as green and ready for approval, but they cannot be sent off yet for final Cabinet approval until the budget is finally agreed.

Rivenhall schemes:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road (linked) - New advance signage due for delivery Spring 2016.
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road. Public consultation underway. **The Police have objected.** ECC officers are asking the Cabinet Member if he will override the objection or not. Implementation by March 2016 if he does..
- c. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - ECC confirm that grasscrete had been installed and the Chairman agreed to request that it be made good.
- d. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions and potential Quiet Lane status - in validation. Quiet Lane status likely to be supported subject to funding, and apparently the District is only allowed a quota of such schemes.
- e. Safety improvements along, Park Road - in validation.

Bradwell Quarry.

Nothing new to report this month.

Tarecroft Wood.

There's to be a site meeting - Chairman & Clerk plus 2 ECC reps on 18 April 2016.

ECC Highways Maintenance.

The Oak Road flood alleviation scheme is turning out to be more major than might have been thought - but that reflects on how bad the drainage had got. BDC and ECC have draft plans now which involve clearing the ditch along Oak Road all the way down to the pipe, then clearing the pipe section that is OK and installing new sections of pipe near the Railway Bridge. Clearly this will cause big disruption when the work happens but its much needed work. The provisional date is July 2016.

Highways England

The Chairman has raised the matter of potholes along the A12 through Rivenhall End.

HE requested to clean the lay-bys at the A12 bus shelters.

Arrangements have been made for representatives from HE to have an informal meeting with the council members on Friday 13 May 2016 at 14.00 hours in The Henry Dixon Hall.

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 March 2016.