

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 25th JUNE 2019 TO 30th JULY 2019.

Finance/Administration.

All matters are up to date.

General Maintenance.

Items mentioned at the July meeting have been referred to the maintenance contractor for action as appropriate.

I have communicated to BDC the placing of the order for repair to 12 posts surrounding the Village Green.

Parish Liaison Meetings.

I have registered RPC's interest in these meetings as agreed at the July meeting.

A12 Rerouting

It has been ascertained that the work to the A12 will not start until at least 2023 and that date was described as "ambitious". (Originally that work was funded and would start in March 2020).

It's confirmed that the proposed West Tey New Town of up to 24,000 houses is at least in part responsible for the delays.

There are no plans over the period until 2023 to carry out work to make safer the A12 junctions or improve the shoddy surface other than patching repairs, etc.

There are also no plans for when the A12 is eventually moved and upgraded to include the "dedicated rapid transport" (bus/tram) lanes that BDC and the other councils promoting West Tey say will be provided.

The cost for the A12 and A120 is now heading towards £2 billion combined. There may be a consultation on A12 route options (again) this autumn.

Essex Library Service.

Details of the ECC decision regarding libraries has been circulated via email to all parish councillors.

The Campaign Against Urban Sprawl in Essex (CAUSE).

Details regarding the above and the programme in opposition to the BDC proposed 'Garden Communities' has been circulated via email to all parish councillors.

BDC Corporate Strategy 2020/2024.

Notices advertising the consultation process have been displayed on the PC notice boards.

Litter.

Email discussions continue with BDC re possible provision of additional CCTV cameras.

Proposed development South of Rickstones Road.

Following the meeting with the developers as response has been received to the effect that revised, more bat friendly, lighting details are to be submitted.

Public Rights of Way.

Comments re the diversion of Footpath 60, together with other concerns re the footpaths in the area of Bellway's developments were reported to ECC who responded positively.

Planning Applications.

All planning matters have been dealt with as per the latest minutes.

Tree Preservation Order.

A request has been submitted to BDC for the granting of TPO on the mature Walnut tree close to the A12 boundary in Rivenhall End. BDC response awaited.

BDLHP.

As requested, details of the Network Rail reply to a request for possible financial assistance towards the cost of signage in advance of the railway bridge on Oak Road has been forwarded to the BDLHP officer.

IWMF, Rivenhall Airfield.

I have nothing further to report at this time.

Highways Maintenance.

H. E. report that there is technology in place that alerts them when the water pump at the A12 overpass on Henry Dixon Road fails and they then deploy resources accordingly to investigate/rectify the issue.

Information has been received from BDC that the Autumn verge cutting within Rivenhall Parish will take place between 27th September and 7th October 2019.

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)
30th July 2019.