CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 25 APRIL TO 29 MAY 2018.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date and the External Audit notices are ready for display from 4 June, with the documents to be forwarded to the auditors on 7 June. 2017/18 VAT refund of £906.00 has been received.

The BDC Street Cleaning Grant of \pounds 1,877.42 has been received.

General Maintenance.

All items mentioned in the May minutes have been referred to the maintenance contractor. He has inspected all the posts surrounding the Village Green and will submit a report/estimate for repair, hopefully in time for the June meeting.

<u> Village Sign – Insurance Claim.</u>

I have managed to obtain the quotation for the repair of this sign, in the sum of £1,900.00 plus VAT. With the Chairman's approval I've submitted this quotation to the council's insurance company under claim reference number 27180000050; there is a £100.00 excess to be deducted from any final payment in settlement of the claim. The insurance company have agreed to settle the claim in full. Once payment is received an order for the repair will be initiated.

IWMF - Rivenhall Airfield.

Nothing further to report.

<u>Colemans Quarry.</u>

The new foot/cycleway along Little Braxted Lane is operational.

<u>Litter.</u>

A fly-tip at the Oak Road recycling site was reported to BDC and subsequently cleared.

Planning Applications.

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

Confirmation received re the refusal of application 17/01730/OUT - land south of Rickstones Road. It is now understood that an appeal against this decision has already been submitted together with a second application.

A licence application has been submitted to BDC re the Adult Superstore at A12 North, Rivenhall End.

Highways Maintenance.

Reminder sent to ECC re the following: replacement bollards Oak/Henry Dixon Road junction; streetlight 25 Oak Road; collapsed drain o/s 16 Oak Road; blocked drains o/s Fair Rest; hole in footway o/s 58 Church Road. A footway closure for the repair at St. Mary's Road is scheduled for 3 days in June.

Rickstones Road (North Witham) Witham is due too be closed for surface repairs for several days during July.

Another vehicle crashed through the wall at The Matchyns on Saturday 28 April at 07.45 hours. The Chairman has again reported to HE the poor state of repair of the A12 South slip junction.

A120 Route options.

ECC's favoured route options are to be announced on 8 June 2018 at the Cole Valley Golf Club, invitations to attend have been forwarded to the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman to attend.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

No further information available.

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 May 2018