

## CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 TO 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020.

### Finance/Administration.

Everything is up to date.

I have sent out invitations for representatives to attend and bring a brief report to the APA on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### General Maintenance.

The trees abutting the footway at the junction of Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road have had their lower branches removed (by whom is unknown); the larger timbers have been removed from site but the brushwood remains on the grass verge looking unsightly.

The council's maintenance contractor has been requested to undertake some cutting back work to the bushes and trees along the footpath opposite the junction with rectory Lane on Rickstones Road to allow for more light to reach the path from the streetlights.

### Braintree District Council.

The council's comments re the BDC Corporate Strategy have been forwarded to BDC and acknowledged with thanks.

The following have been reported to BDC for inclusion in the Open Spaces Action Plan:

- (a) Improvements to the John Ray Walk to stop motorcyclists gaining access from Rickstones Road
- (b) The 3 parishes 125 years tree planting scheme.

### Three Parishes Liaison Meetings.

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020, commencing 20.00 hours at Cressing.

### Oak Road weight restriction.

Continuing HGV violations - mainly construction vehicles - reported by Chairman.

### A12 Rerouting

There's the possibility of a meeting between parish councillors and Highway England in the afternoon of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This is to be confirmed at the February PC meeting.

### Litter.

I have nothing to report at this time.

### Tarecroft Wood & Car Park.

I've reminded ECC regarding the issue of a gated entrance to the car park.

### Passenger Transport Meeting.

The next Braintree District meeting is scheduled for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 10.00 to 12.00 in Braintree Town Hall.

### Colemans Quarry.

I have nothing to report at this time.

### Proposed development South of Rickstones Road.

The Chairman has written a very strongly worded letter to BDC Planning regarding both the illegal entrance to the site off Rectory Lane and the proposed new car park further along Rectory Lane.

Various communications sent as per the January minutes re all the controversial issues. It has now been confirmed in writing and evident on site that Bellway has abandoned the access off Rectory Lane and work's progressing as originally agreed to come off Rickstones Road.

#### **Public Rights of Way.**

With regard to the diversion of F/Path 49 and the formation of additional paths along Church Road, the Chairman has communicated with the Local Highways Panel re costings etc.

All the issues relating to the flooding of the John ray Walk and F/Path 1 are currently under urgent discussion by the Chairman and ECC Highways.

Problems still exist regarding F/Paths 59 and 60.

#### **Planning Applications.**

All relevant planning applications have been dealt with as agreed at the January meeting.

#### **BDLHP.**

The Highways panel meeting was scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

#### **IWMF, Rivenhall Airfield.**

Information received from the Environment Agency, circulated to all Councillors and displayed on the council notice boards, re the drop-in session scheduled for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Rivenhall Village Hall, together with the new consultation period 9<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### **Highways Maintenance.**

Little Braxted Lane will be closed for 10 days with effect from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for bridge repair/improvement work.

HE confirm they have assessed the flooding under the A12 at Henry Dixon Road and identified the flooding is due to the gullies being blocked. The gullies at this location are the responsibility of ECC who have been requested by HE to clear them more frequently. HE confirms that the pump is working correctly.

#### **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<sup>th</sup> January 2020.