

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 23RD FEBRUARY 2021 TO 30TH MARCH 2021.

Finance/Administration.

Everything is up to date..

Completing the year end documents for publication and Internal Audit. I am pleased to inform you that, including the Insurance claim for the damaged bus shelter, expenditure for 2020/21 came under the budget figure by £1364.00.

A.P.A. & Annual Council Meeting.

The national Association of Local Councils have given the following advice...

Annual Council Meeting.

Para. 7(i) of the LGA 1972 requires a PC to hold an annual meeting in May, unless it's an election year. Regulation 6(c) of the Remote Meetings Regulations disapples para 7 above, meaning there's no requirement for a PC to hold an annual meeting while the 2020 Regulations are in force. A PC can hold a remote meeting if it chooses to do so.

I recommend that RPC hold a remote meeting as for April with an item on the May agenda to confirm Chairman, Vice-chairman and all other Reps in post until May 2022.

Annual Parish Meeting - APA.

Para 14(i) of the LGA 1972 requires the parish meeting to assemble annually between 1st March and 1st June inclusive.

Regulation 6(c) - see above - applies.

I recommend that RPC doesn't convene an APA during 2021 but produces the Annual Report for the website with a note therein indicating why no APA was convened.

Subsequent Government guidelines indicate that all council meetings ought to resume indoors with effect from 17th May 2021 and I've contacted both HDH and RPPA accordingly.

Three Parishes Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 24th May 2021 at Silver End, format yet to be agreed.

Planning Applications.

ESS/03/18/BTE/23/07: Noise monitoring at Bradwell Quarry re ESS/03/18/BTE. A 'No Comments' reply was forwarded to ECC.

21/00794/HH: Single-storey extension etc at The Ivy, The Drive, Rivenhall End. A 'No Comments' reply was forwarded to BDC.

The following applications have been granted by BDC:

21/00349/COUPA: Appleford Farm, change of use of buildings.

20/02106/HH: 309 Rickstones Road, extensions.

20/00765/FUL: Barn at Ford Farm, Church Road, conversion to dwelling house.

BDC Local Plan..

Nothing further to report at this time.

ECC Minerals Local Plan Review.

Consultation commenced on 18th March 2021, but there is nothing new to impact upon Rivenhall Parish.

General Highway Maintenance.

The Chairman continues to press ECC Highways regarding the flooding and pothole issues within the parish (details emailed to all RPC Councillors on 10th March).

General Maintenance.

Documents relating to the BDC Street Cleaning Grant for 2021/22 have been completed and returned to BDC; the Grant for 2021/22 will be £1972.51 and increase of £20.36.

An order has been placed for the repainting/repair of the council notice boards at Rickstones Road, Oak Stores and Rivenhall End. Estimated cost £485.00.

New Path r/o Village Hall.

Construction of this is due to commence during March.

Tarecroft Wood entrance car park.

I have nothing further to report.

Colemans Quarry.

I have nothing further to report since the Chairman's email dated 26th March 2021 regarding possible future HGV movement numbers, up to 330 per day..

A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening.

At the on-line meeting Thursday 18th March, attended by the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk, Highways England have shared their preliminary plans for the new A12 between Witham and Kelvedon. They are currently aiming to hold a public consultation in June and the main elements as things stand are as follows:

The A12 (as previously known) will be moved south on a new alignment through the quarry and will be widened to 6 lanes. A new junction will completely replace the existing Witham north junction at Colemans Bridge. The new A12 will go through the quarry and then just to the south of the hotel and then rejoin the existing line of the A12 near the Fire HQ. Rivenhall End will therefore be bypassed but a secondary road will also be built to take local traffic out of Rivenhall End and also relieve Oak Road. The new secondary road would be from the "old" A12 near the Fox almost in a straight line down to Braxted Road. There would also be a small link road to Henry Dixon Road just south of the hotel. Oak Road would be stopped up near The Fox and become a cul-de-sac. Part of Braxted Road would also be stopped up - the new secondary road would join Braxted Road down near the lake. **The new arrangement would permanently remove all HGVs from Rivenhall End village apart from the ones that might use Henry Dixon Road going to/from Silver End - but they would have to be under 7.5T and under the height limit for the railway bridge.**

There will be a new pedestrian crossing of the detrunked "old" part of the A12 and new bus stops near to where the existing bus stops are located and a bit further north there would be a new footbridge to connect up the public rights of way.

Highways England also said that they still believe they are on track to start in late 2023 and for the first time they have said that their intention is to work on the bypass sections first - which would be Rivenhall End and the section north of Feering.

BDLHP..

The next scheduled meeting should be on Thursday 25th March 2021.

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
30th March 2021.