

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 26 JULY TO 29 AUGUST 2016.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

Insurance.

In the Spring Budget the Chancellor announced an increase in the rate of Insurance Premium Tax from 9.5% to 10% with effect from 1 October 2016 for all new policies and those which renew from this date. RPC has no increase this year but it will be reflected at renewal in 2017.

Public Footpaths.

An initial approach has been made to ECC for the maintenance of footpaths within the Parish (see Minute 1296(v)(e). Reply still awaited.

General Maintenance.

Request made for BDC to cut the roadside verge at the end of the footway along Rickstones Road, down from Stoverns Hall Farm. BDC reply that if it's on their ECC list they will cut it, if it isn't they'll request ECC to add it for cutting in the future; ECC has been requested to inspect and cut back the grass verge.

Maintenance contractor requested to reinstate the broken post on the Village Green.

Maintenance contractor has strimmed back the grass verge opposite the entrance to Rectory Lane, see (Minute 1310(ii)(c).

Theft of planters at Rivenhall End has been reported to Essex Police.

ECC Recycling Centres.

ECC are considering a number of changes to recycling centre operations, however, any decision is subject to scrutiny following a call-in period. These changes form the first step to fundamentally improve and reform the recycling centre service for Essex residents with effect from the end of October 2016. As the consultation process continues anyone who has questions should contact the recycleforessex.com website. It's proposed that the Witham site (Perry Road) will no longer accept DIY and construction waste; including soil and hardcore, ceramics (tiles, toilets, basins etc.), Gypsum based products (plasterboard and dry wall lining), uPVC and wooden window frames, uPVC and wooded internal and external doors, and fitted kitchens.

BDC Local Plan.

Communication sent to BDC as per Minute 1312(ii).

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.

Nothing further to report.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - anticipated completion 3rd quarter 2016/17. ECC meeting with objector.
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - anticipated completion 3rd quarter 2016/17. Objection from Police - Cabinet Member at ECC to consider course of action.
- c. Rectory Lane - Quiet Lane status approved - anticipated completion 2017/18. Following discussion with ECC, a separate new bid for stopping up one end of the lane will need to be submitted.

Tarecroft Wood.

ECC are in the process of requesting quotes for the improvement to the entrance and car parking area.

ECC Highways Maintenance.

Nothing to report .

Oak Road Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Notification has been received that the **provisional dates** for these works are from 12 September to 7 October 2016.

Planning Applications.

A letter has been sent to BDC re application 16/01217/ADV - replacement sign at Foremost House, Eastways - with appropriate comments and a request that the application be refused permission, as per the Chairman's circulated notes and the Clerk's circulated letter.

Highways England

A request has been made for H.E. to reinstate the cancelled meeting re the A12 widening at Rivenhall End.

The Chairman has received, and accepted, an invitation to become a member of the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Community Forum. The first meeting was scheduled for 11 August.

The Chairman has again reported the appalling condition of the southern A12 slip at Rivenhall End to Highways England, the potholes have been filled.

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)
30 August 2016.