

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 29 MARCH TO 22 APRIL 2016.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts up to date.

The Internal Audit has been completed with no matters to be reported.

The External Audit notices have been displayed on the notice boards.

Work continued in preparation for the APA and the Annual Reports have been printed ready for delivery.

VAT claim for 2015/2016 has been submitted to HM Customs & Excise.

Simple parish maps provided for use in Oak Stores.

Public Footpaths.

There is nothing new to report at this time.

General Maintenance.

There is nothing new to report at this time.

BDC Local Plan.

Two sites have been allocated in the draft Plan and these are both for employment, which would extend the Eastways industrial estate to Burghey Brook Farm.

All of the proposed housing sites were not allocated.

However there are 2 provisos -

1. At the conclusion of the current sifting process in May, if less than the sites for approx 10,000 houses net need is not attained, BDC will go back to look at sites not previously allocated;
2. The future development of the A120 and A12 could influence site allocations, but BDC does not expect to have any steer on this until after the draft Plan is published in June.

ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan.

Comments re Minute 1253(vi) have been communicated to ECC.

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.

Nothing further to report at this time.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - New advance signage installation has commenced.
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road. Public consultation underway. **The Police have objected.** ECC officers are asking the Cabinet Member if he will override the objection or not. Implementation by Autumn 2016 if he does..
- c. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - ECC confirm that grasscrete had been installed and the Chairman agreed to request that it be made good.
- d. Rectory Lane - Quiet Lane status approved. ECC being asked what is the status of RPC request to stop up the Witham end of the lane to vehicles whilst keeping it open for pedestrians and cyclists.
- e. Safety improvements along, Park Road - rejected.

Bradwell Quarry.

Comments re Minute 1253(iii) have been communicated to ECC.

Tarecroft Wood.

Nothing much definite came out of the site meeting with ECC, other than some worrying indications that they may do the same as previously - all work to be at a net nil cost by contractors selling wood - or by volunteers. ECC say no work for 2 years and they will send the Parish Council a management plan.

ECC Highways Maintenance.

ECC has been requested to reinstate the reflector posts at The Oak Triangle (ref. 2457023) and to repaint the surface warning sign on Oak Road, Rivenhall End (ref. 2457030).

The Rickstones Road streetlights are now all working. However, the zebra crossing lights are still not working one side and the advanced sign light is out approaching from the south - ECC chased again.

The warning sign at the northern end of Church Road, demolished by a car, has been reported to ECC.

Highways England

Arrangements have been made for representatives from HE to have an informal meeting with the council members on Friday 13 May 2016 at 14.00 hours in The Henry Dixon Hall.

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)
22 April 2016.