

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014.

Finance.

Accounts up to date.

The grant towards the production of the Parish Magazine has been passed to the Rivenhall & Silver End PCC.

Essex Police.

PCSO Terrie Johnson has taken over patrols in the parish from Will Gladwell; her e-mail address is *terrie.johnson@essex.pnn.police.uk*

17 December was the date of the latest 'Village Meet', the Clerk attended. Future dates will be advertised as they become known.

Public Footpaths.

Motorcyclists have again been spoken to by the local police regarding the riding of m/cycles along the John Ray Walk and on the local fields, the owners of which are reported to be Strutt & Parker. PCSO Terrie Johnson states, "...*(Police) will seize repeat offenders' bikes and issue Section 59 warnings to those who want to try it for a first time.*"

General Maintenance.

General maintenance is up to date.

Local Planning.

Letter sent to BDC re Application 14/01539/FUL - Appleford Farm, Braxted Road, Rivenhall End; PC recommend refusal for reasons outlined in the Minutes of the December meeting.

BDC has now published a list of sites submitted for inclusion within the revised Local Plan. These sites can be found on the BDC website and will be submitted for consultation from mid-January 2015.

Tarecroft Wood.

Still awaiting a reply from ECC.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Additional defective streetlights have been reported to ECC for repair.

The Chairman has requested an update regarding the persistent flooding along Oak Road due to the apparently blocked pipe and culvert. The ECC Gully Cleansing Team attended site on 10 December and recorded all gullies required another clean. This work will be carried out during the early part of 2015.

Highways Agency - A12.

There is nothing further to report this month.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.**

Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **Delivery date 01/02/2015.**

Railway Bridge, Oak Road - widen footway and introduce priority working. Final plans now signed off and agreed with the farmers (re width for agricultural machinery). **New delivery date 20/03/2015, but should be sooner based on information to hand.** ECC say that the works are expected to commence Monday 9 February 2015.

7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme). The Chairman has requested a firm date for the implementation of this weight restriction from ECC. **Date for delivery has now been put back to 27/02/2015.**

Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE**. Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of March 2015**.

40mph buffer northwards along Church Road - Speed survey conducted which showed average speeds above 30mph at War Memorial. ECC officers reluctant to agree scheme but after long discussion, Panel **AGREED** to recommend to Cabinet Member as an exception to policy. No delivery date yet known.

Extended railings outside the School entrance - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. 22m of new Railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. **Delivery date 10/12/2014**.

Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - A letter in support of the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.

Church Road/Oak Road clearer highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. **Delivery date 02/04/2015**.

Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - to allow parking and protect verge from further damage. **AGREED AND FUNDED**. £1,500

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 December 2014.