

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 1 FEBRUARY TO 28 FEBRUARY 2017.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

Bank mandate change documents sent to Barclays mandate change team by registered post.

Annual Parish Assembly.

All invitations issued as per the February minutes - some responses received.

General Maintenance.

The maintenance contractor has been requested to trim back, by about 1 foot, the Beech hedge at the rear of the recycling site on Oak Road, and to clean the footway next to the lay-by at the A12 underpass on Henry Dixon Road, and to remove from site all the muck.

BDC has been requested to install a larger capacity litter bin at the lay-by on Henry Dixon Road.

BDC Local Plan.

BDC has postponed the main Committee date until June 2017.

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.

Gent Fairhead & Co Ltd have held a preliminary pre-application meeting with the E.A. regarding a new environmental permit application which may be submitted coincidentally with the proposed application to vary the IWMF's stack height. It's anticipated that the new permit application will be made within a few weeks.

ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan - Modifications.

Comments, as circulated by the Chairman, sent to ECC before the closing deadline - acknowledgement received.

Planning Applications.

Dealt with as per the February Minutes

Planning Appeals.

There are no new appeals to report.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The ECC Cabinet Member has decided to withdraw his decision to drop this scheme. This means it will **NOT** now go to the Scrutiny Committee. A new report will be drawn up and that will include further work on whether an exemption can be given to the landowner for access to his field.
- b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
- c. *Rectory Lane* - a new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane has been submitted. At the moment this has been rejected.
- d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.
- (e) Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman will submit a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.

Tarecroft Wood.

Work has commenced to upgrade the entrance to the car park and the car park itself just off Rickstones Road. Work was suspended until the new year when adverse weather intervened.

Highways Maintenance.

Dysfunctional lighting in Rivenhall End - ECC reports as follows:

Henry Dixon Road RE1 to RE 14 inclusive - UK Power Networks had disconnected the power supply without notifying ECC. ECC have requested the reason why and requesting a swift reconnection.

Henry Dixon Road 4 (north of the A12 underpass) - no actual timescale given but ECC will action repairs as a matter of urgency.

Oak Road 24 and 28 - repairs at earliest opportunity.

A12 to A120 widening.

An invitation to join with Little Braxted PC at their meeting on 28 February to consider the route options for the A12, in particular the future junctions onto the A12. Cllr. Wright agreed to attend.

HGVs along Oak Road.

An increase in the number of HGVs using Oak Road has been noted -this could well be due to the new development at Rivenhall Park.

Highways England

The Chairman has yet again reiterated to H.E. the necessity for remedial works at the A12 through Rivenhall End, including cleaning the areas near the exit slips.

Public Footpaths.

ECC have given notice that with effect from 13 March 2017 to 20 April 2017, or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting, to temporarily close Footpath 43 at Potters Crossing while essential remedial works are being undertaken by Network Rail. No alternative route is available.

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 February 2017