

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

## Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

## Casual vacancy.

## General Maintenance.

The maintenance contractor has been requested to trim the brambles surrounding the Tarecroft Wood parking area off Rickstones Road and to trim back the growth along footpath 47, from Oak Road alongside the railway embankment; and to remove any litter.

## 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.

## 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* - Following the decision of the ECC Cabinet Member to turn down the weight restriction scheme on the basis of one landowner complaining about access to one field. The Chairman has confirmed that an informal meeting with the cabinet Member took place on 9 January 2017 and that this scheme will now go to a full Security meeting, possibly in February - **this will be a public meeting.**
- 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.

- i. Amey/Highways England have given notice of the upcoming maintenance works on the A120 and A12 to commence on Monday 9 January until May 2017.
- ii. The road surface indicator signs along Oak Road are due to be repainted by the end of March 2017.
- iii. The warning sign in advance of Rectory Lane on Rickstones Road is still awaiting replacement by ECC.
- iv. Dysfunctional lighting in Rivenhall End has been reported.
- v. Rectory Lane is due to be closed for patching works with effect from 6 February 2017 for the duration of the works - possibly 3 days.

#### **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