

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR JUNE/JULY 2013.

Finance.

All financial matters are up to date, including the quarterly Bank reconciliation.

BDC - LDF.

Site Allocations & Development Management Plan to be considered by BDC full Council meeting on 23rd September 2013. Following approval by the Council the document will be published for a further 6 week engagement period before it is submitted for public examination by an independent planning inspector appointed by the government. This will take place in 2014.

Local Transport.

A notice is displayed on the bus shelter and other notice boards requesting bus users to contact Cllr. Prime when their expected bus fails to arrive.

Parking Matters.

Cllr. Bills continues to monitor the parking in the Recycling Site, Oak Road.

NEPP indicate that the revised Church Road parking restrictions will be "*in place for the new term after the summer break*".

General maintenance.

The Council's Maintenance Contractor was requested to give attention to the following:

- Hedges along Henry Dixon Road and the slopes and steps leading to the A12
- Clean the area near the Notice Board in Henry Dixon Road
- Continue painting the posts around the Village Green and re-proofing the seats
- Grass seeding the verge along Rickstones Road below Stoverns Hall Farm
- Inspecting damage to cable close to telegraph post on the small Village Green area and make safe if possible.

Local Post Office, Church Road.

No further information to hand.

Parish 'Dun Day' - 20th July 2013.

Collecting items for the Council's display at the Fun Day and, with Cllr. Bills, attending at the display on the day. Quite a number of people took a passing interest in, and made positive comments upon the PC display.

Parish Council Broadband Summit.

Attending this summit at Great Saling on 22nd July with Cllrs. Bills and Wright. Subsequently erected notices and pre-paid response cards delivered throughout the parish by Cllrs. Bills and Wright to raise awareness of the necessity to respond, so that Rivenhall Parish might be one of the first to benefit from the ECC Superfast Broadband Programme.

Community Speedwatch.

Two local (Rivenhall) volunteers have been contacted by Essex Police for training purposes; after training they will liaise with the team from Silver End to mount operations in Silver End, Rivenhall and Rivenhall End,

A12 junction with Oak Road.

There is nothing further to report other than that in the Government's Highways Expenditure proposals recently announced, there was no mention of any improvement work to the A12.

The Chairman has contacted the Highways Agency regarding the proposed 7.5T weight restriction along Oak Road together with improvements to the A12 junctions at Rivenhall End.

A12/Henry Dixon Road flooding.

Since the last Council meeting the A2 Bridge pump has again failed on at least 3 occasions and once due to vandalism/theft. At the beginning of July, Highways Agency made a temporary repair until such time as replacement parts were received from the manufacturer. Once the repairs have been done the pump should work effectively. Highways Agency accept that the current situation is unacceptable.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Demolished bollards in Oak Road are scheduled for repair/reinstatement before the end of July 2013. Still no action regarding the reinstatement of the lighting column at the Keep Left sign in Henry Dixon Road.

Church Road Zebra Crossing.

No further action has taken place.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

Oak Road Weight Restriction: ECC are waiting on the Highways Agency comments.

Railway Bridge: No dates given. New drawings requested by the end of July to replace the incorrect ones issued previously.

Rickstones Road verges and drains: Scheme to be drawn up by 26th July - road inspected and marked out.

Tarecroft Wood.

Details of ECC business plan requirements referred to Chairman who will liaise in due course.

Second quotation for reinstatement/repair of the rabbit fence requested.

Planning Matters.

Application 13/00704/FUL: Erection of front extension - 27 Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Notified BDC that the Council raised no objections to this application.

Enforcement action is to be taken re 112 Oak Road to stop up the unauthorised vehicular access.

Motts Lane Level Crossing.

Planning application received for consideration.

Coffee Morning PC 'Surgery'.

Attending this on a fairly regular basis along with Councillors.

Liaison with Chairman.

Liaison with the Chairman upon various items of correspondence, the agenda for the next meeting and the photocopying/collection, as necessary, of planning applications.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)
30th July 2013.