

# **CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 25 JULY TO 28 AUGUST 2017.**

## **Finance/Administration.**

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

## **Foxden Parking.**

Residents' consultation letters prepared ready for distribution.

## **General Maintenance.**

The person who fly-tipped rubbish at the corner of Church and Park Roads has been fined via a fixed penalty notice in the sum of £300.00. The fly-tip at the steps from the southern A12 to Henry Dixon Road was reported to BDC.

Unfortunately, due to back problems not associated with litter picking, June Bala has been forced to give up litter picking. Karen Bridge has agreed to step up to cover the whole parish for a trial period, working 3 to 4 hours maximum per week.

## **Empire American Diner.**

Request sent to owner for the removal of the advertisement placed on the council's A12 bus shelter; no removal action has taken place to date.

## **BDC Local Plan.**

Responses forwarded to BDC prior to the deadline of 28 July as per July minutes.

## **Rivenhall Airfield - IWMF.**

Communication sent to the EA prior to the deadline of 18 July recommending that the permit be refused.

## **Replacement Waste Local Plan - ECC & SBC.**

ECC adopted the modified Replacement Waste Local Plan on 11 July 2017 - The full copy of the Inspector's Report can be viewed on [www.essex.gov.uk/WLP](http://www.essex.gov.uk/WLP) (it runs to very many pages).

## **Colemans Farm Quarry.**

Letters re the Liaison Meetings sent to three local residents, as per the July minutes.

## **Planning Applications.**

Dealt with as per the July 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 Chairman has met with the ECC Cabinet Member who indicated that there are now three statutory objections, plus the fact the ECC are not minded to take any further action until such time as the route of the A12 has been determined.
- 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* - the stopping up of this lane has been rejected. 'Quiet Lane' signs are to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane before the end of 2017/2018.
- 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 has submitted a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.

f. A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road has been submitted. (Suggested that the 2 current, out of date, bend warning signs be replaced with current standard 20mph advisory signs warning of bends plus concealed junction. Also that the road lining at the junction be looked at to make it as safe as possible with consideration given to make it safe for pedestrians crossing while using the John Ray Walk.

g. A new scheme is to be validated re the bend on Church Road close to the northern bound bus stop opposite where the wall has been damaged outside the residential property.

#### **Highways Maintenance.**

The Chairman has requested that ECC revisit the request for a new footpath to connect Riv. 49 to Riv. 25 along Church Road.

Highways England have notified overnight A12 lane closures from 24 July to 11 August between junctions 19 and 23 for site investigations required to assess structural conditions and develop solutions to improve the carriageways in the future.

#### **A120 re-routing.**

Nothing further to report at this stage.

#### **Highways England**

Action will be taken by Kier Highways (agents for HE) to improve the Braxted Road slip for the A12; this still remains outstanding.

#### **Potters Level Crossing.**

The Department for Transport has notified that the application for the closure of this level crossing will be the subject of a public local inquiry - date and venue still to be notified.

#### **Liaison with Chairman.**

Liaison with the Chairman upon various items of correspondence, the agenda for the next meeting and planning application documents as necessary.

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24 July 2017