

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 27 JUNE TO 31 JULY 2018.

Finance/Administration.

All matters are up to date..

Grant money now received from EALC re the Local Initiatives Fund - £1,497.00.

General Maintenance.

Mr. Siggers has agreed to trim back the hedge along Oak Road.

The maintenance contractor has been requested to repair the damage chain on the Village Green and to provide a quotation for repainting all the white posts (as per the July minutes).

Greenfields are unable to assist with the provision of boundary posts etc. along the Beech Road boundary of the Village Green; a request has now been submitted to BDC.

Village Sign - Insurance Claim.

The sign is now in the hands of the repairers.

Glass Bus Shelter, Rickstones Road.

Photographs and a quote for the repair (£1,219.25 inc VAT) have been forwarded to the council's insurers; their instructions are still awaited.

Network Rail.

Instructions have been issued to all NR drivers NOT to park on the grass verge anymore. If NR vehicles are found parked on the verges, the vehicle registration numbers should be recorded and passed to myself and I'll notify the NR office in Ipswich.

IWMF - Rivenhall Airfield.

Nothing further to report.

Colemans Quarry.

Comments sent to ECC re the last planning application, as follows: "*There isn't a great deal in this application that is different from the original consent or that could change impacts upon local residents or the environment.*

The main issue is that Brice Aggregates wish to change the phasing of extraction to work the area nearest the A12 first on the basis that they assume the A12 will go through the quarry - which would mean that the minerals could be under the new route of the A12. The issue there is that the new route for the A12 is currently not known and the announcement has been out back due to West Tey.

Why this is so remains a mystery as the proposed West Tey site lies well to the north of Kelvedon, well away from this area of the A12.

In the light of the above comments it would appear that this is a premature application given that the A12 route remains unknown."

Litter.

Requests have been made to BDC for a larger rubbish bin to be sited at this site together with a deep clean of the whole area.

Planning Applications.

All planning matters have been dealt with as per the July minutes.

A complaint was lodged with BDC regarding the fact that all the above notifications has not been included as comments on the BDC website. Witham TC also lodged a similar complaint with BDC.

BDC Boundary Review.

BDC has proceeded with the **known** boundary changes - Rivenhall Park and Eastways - but no other changes. This now goes to full Council for final ratification.

Highways Maintenance.

After numerous complaints and requests, it would appear that HE contractors, Kier, cleaned the area at the A12 (South) slip.

Problems along footpaths RIV.5, RIV.48 and RIV.59 have been reported to ECC Highways PRow.

A120 Route options.

ECC announced that Route D has been chosen as the new route for the A120. This starts west of Galleys Corner roundabout at Braintree and will join the A12 at a new junction between Rivenhall End and Kelvedon. Copies of the published report have been deposited at Oak Stores for general issue.

ECC also expressed a preference for the A12 being re-aligned south and east of the existing road, away from Rivenhall End, but this isn't confirmed.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

Nothing further to report.

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)

31 July 2018