

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR MAY/JUNE 2013.

Finance.

All documents forwarded to the External Auditor as required and notices removed from notice boards. Budget spreadsheet brought up to date for the end of June 2013.

BDC - LDF.

From the meeting of the LDF Sub-Committee on Thursday 30th May 2013:

1. To not allocate Burghey Brook Farm as an employment site.
2. To not include the Old Rectory site, Rectory Lane within the development boundary and to not allocate it as a residential site of 10 or more dwellings.
3. To not allocate any other alternative developer proposed sites within Rivenhall and Rivenhall End.
4. To approve the Draft Site Allocations and Development Management inset map for Rivenhall.
5. To approve the Draft Site Allocations and Development Management inset map for Rivenhall End subject to removal of 'informal recreation' on the former site at Oak Road/Henry Dixon Road and the removal of 'Henry Dixon Hall' as a defined community use on the map (note: it remains protected by policy for that purpose), and addition of a cycle/pedestrian path between Rivenhall End and Witham adjacent to the A12.

The request of the Parish Council that Little Braxted Lane be designated a Protected Lane was not supported by BDC. The same request for Rectory Lane was supported. Final decisions on these requests will be made at a later BDC LDF Panel meeting.

Local Transport.

Downloading and printing the latest Transport & Travel Update published by ECC Passenger Transport Team.

Parking Matters.

Minute 764(i) - Consultation with BDC re the way forward with an approach to the NEPP regarding 'commuter' all-day parking at the recycling site in Oak Road and the lay by in Henry Dixon Road near the A12 underpass.

Local Housing.

Downloading and printing the Housing StatNav document produced jointly by BDC and Greenfields. Greenfields undertook an estate inspection on Friday 14th June 2013.

General maintenance.

The Maintenance Contractor, Mr. Walsh, has provided evidence of his current Public Liability Insurance cover.

Local Post Office, Church Road.

No further information to hand.

Parish 'Dun Day' - 20th July 2013.

The invitation from RPPFA for the Council to have a stall at this event was accepted and the Clerk will liaise with Members for the presentation of documents, maps, etc.

A12/Henry Dixon Road flooding.

Since the last Council meeting the A2 bridge pump has again failed.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Rickstones Road was resurfaced on Friday 31st May 2013, some traffic chaos was caused by HGVs being routed along Oak Road and failing to negotiate the Railway Bridge.

Minute 764(iii) - Protruding concrete reported to ECC via the reporting website. This has since been cut back in line with the grass verge.

The Chairman, as a Member of ECC, intends to raise the ongoing difficulties with highways at the July Full Council and, in the interim, to speak with ECC Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr. Bass.

Recycling sacks.

A supply of recycling sacks for the parish is being held at Oak Stores, Church Road.

Ash Dieback.

Printing information, supplied via email from ECC, to be included in the July circulation box for Members.

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.

Tarecroft Wood.

Communicating with ECC regarding the way forward to register the Council's interest in obtaining the freehold of this woodland.

Also approaching BDC to enquire if they would supply a quotation for renewing/repairing the rabbit fence surrounding the woodland.

Planning Matters.

Receiving details of 1 planning application to be discussed at the July meeting.

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)
25th June 2013.