

# CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 27 JUNE TO 24 JULY 2017.

## Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.  
2016/17 finance documents forwarded to external auditor.

## Foxden Parking.

Site meeting held on 19 June 2017.

## Albert Moss Playing Field.

BDC will erect a sign 'Slow Children Playing' along the approach to the Playing Field.

## General Maintenance.

The maintenance contractor has been requested to clear the steps and slopes from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12; to cut back the encroaching grass etc along Oak Road from the railway bridge up to the houses; to cut back the overgrowth at the entrance to footpath 38 on Church Road and to provide an order of cost to incorporate the cutting of the grass area on the right of the entrance to Foxmead. Fly-tipping at the Oak Road recycling site reported to BDC together with the description and registration number of the vehicle used to deposit the fly-tip.

## 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.

Notices have been displayed relative to the consultation period (16 June to 28 July) and the local consultation events.

## Rivenhall Airfield - IWMF.

Response forwarded to the Environment Agency as per the Chairman's comments.

ECC Scoping Opinion was issued on 3 May 2017 - copy available at [www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning](http://www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning) using the application number ESS/24/17/BTE/SPO.

E. A. are minded to issue a permit decision, but there is a consultation period up to 18 July 2017 with a drop-in event on Friday 30 June 2017 from 14.00 to 10.00 at Christ Church, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall.

## Colemans Farm Quarry.

The inaugural Liaison Meeting is scheduled for 27 June 2017 commencing at 13.00 in The Henry Dixon Hall. Cllrs. Abbott and Wright are due to attend.

## Planning Applications.

Dealt with as per the June Minutes.

## Appleford Bridge.

Letter sent to Maldon District Council as per minute 1463(i), June 2017.

## 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 ECC Cabinet Member has decided to withdraw his decision to drop this scheme. This means it will **NOT** now go to the Scrutiny Committee. A new report will be drawn up and that will include further work on whether an exemption can be given to the

landowner for access to his field. The Chairman has requested that the new ECC Cabinet Member review the current position of this scheme.

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.**

All matters relating to ECC Highways have been reported as per the June minutes.

#### **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.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)  
26 June 2017