

CLERK'S REPORT SINCE THE MARCH MEETING.

Tarecroft Wood.

A further inspection of this woodland has been undertaken by myself and others; it would appear that no further timber has been felled but there's a stockpile to be removed.

A pile of road planings has been dumped on the Public Footpath at the edge of the wood, presumably to infill some of the potholes in the track.

Public Footpaths.

Contacted the ECC Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Team and arranged for Adam Jenkins to come to the April meeting to explain in more details the ramifications if the PC agree to sign up to this scheme.

Play Area, Henry Dixon Road.

Requested the Council's Maintenance Contractor to relocate the seat from this area to the grass area close to the Rivenhall End village sign. There are problems associated with the removal of the concrete plinths but these should be removed in due course.

Essex County Fire & Rescue at Durwards Hall/Kelvedon Park.

Making all the arrangements for a special Council meeting to discuss the planning application 12/00300/FUL.

This meeting was held on Monday 19th March and the Council's observations forwarded to BDC.

Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

The Chairman has communicated further with ECC regarding the additional parking restrictions along Church Road, as clarification is still required regarding responsibility for further action. Also requesting information regarding the proposed weight restriction in Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Casual Vacancy.

Information passed to BDC regarding Malcolm's resignation.

Notices advertising the vacancy received from BDC and then displayed on the PC notice Boards. Further details are awaited from BDC regarding any request for an election.

ECC repair work to Rickstones Road.

Corresponding with ECC regarding the extent to which their repair work fails to meet the longstanding problem of verge erosion in Rickstones Road.

The ECC maintenance contract commenced on Monday 12th March but it did not include the kerbing of the area below Stoverns Hall where the verge had been eroded away.

Annual Parish Assembly.

Collating further details for the Annual Report and the Community Information leaflet.

A draft copy is included with the April agenda for Members' comments.

Maintenance matters.

Matters detailed in the March minutes were forwarded to the Maintenance Contractor for attention.

Requested the Maintenance Contractor to urgently repair the notice board at Rivenhall End as 2 of the 3 hinges have snapped and the glass front represents a hazard to users.

The tubs at the junction of St. Mary's and Church Roads have been installed and filled with topsoil as required.

BDC MiCommunity Fund.

A reply has been received from BDC regarding their decision to reject the Council's application for funding towards the introduction of the weight restriction in Oak Road, Rivenhall End. A copy of this letter will be included with the April agenda.

Training Courses.

Details of courses are included on the agenda for April.

Parish Council Website.

All relevant information is up to date.

Planning Matters.

Communication to BDC re applications detailed at Minute 576 of the March meeting.
Receiving details of new planning applications and details of those granted or refused.

ECC & SBC Joint Waste Development Document.

No further information received.

BDC's 'Allocations Development Plan Document'

Contacting BDC as per Minute 576 Ongoing Planning & Highway Matters (i), with a copy of my letter to Witham Town Council.

Reply from BDC that the LDF Panel will discuss these issues on 11th April 2012 having previously visited the site.

Finance.

Accounts are up to date and reconciled to the Bank Statements.
End of year documentation completed and will be produced at the April 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, and the photocopying of planning applications.

Keith Taylor (Parish Clerk)
27th March 2012.