

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR APRIL/MAY 2013.

Finance.

All documents forwarded to the External Auditor as required.

BDC - LDF.

Representations concerning Witham, Rivenhall and Rivenhall End will be taken to the LDF Sub Committee on Thursday 30th May 2013 in Witham Public hall starting at 6.00pm.

General maintenance.

Albert Moss Playing Field: vandalism damage to the fence surrounding the Basketball Court and to the fence on the north boundary with the farmer's field reported to BDC for action. BDC inspected and repairs planned.

Local Post Office, Church Road.

No further information to hand.

A12/Henry Dixon Road flooding.

Latest from the Highways Agency... *"We have looked at the options and consider the most cost effective solution is to install an automatic restart function to the existing pump rather than a second pump. I am sorry that the works have not yet been completed but I assure you we are treating this problem as a priority. Orders have been placed with suppliers and I am advised that the works should be completed within the next few weeks."*

ECC Roads Maintenance.

The loose count down speed signs in Church Road have been reported to ECC.

Church Road Zebra Crossing.

The second beacon has also been damaged but remains functional.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

Rickstones Road drains and verges: The latest from ECC Highways as follows... *"Several drains along Rickstones Road were cleared this month to prevent further blockages and alleviate immediate issues. We are planning another visit shortly to assess the full extent of the drainage situation, as part of the scheme for the LHP. Please be assured that this will be conducted by the end of June, at which point we will be in a better position to ascertain what remedial work is needed. The work that may be required is investigating the verge/bank being cut back a small distance, re-profiled and hard kerbed. The drains may also need moving a short distance. Upon completion of the investigation the collated information will be presented to the LHP, this will then be processed and assessed for possible funding."*

Tarecroft Wood.

Further information gathered from local residents regarding the freehold transfer of this woodland to the PC.

Planning Matters.

Making further enquiries regarding the proposed Solar Farm application in the Maldon District at Little Braxted, close to the common Parish boundary. Without any success.

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)
28th May 2013.