

# CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 30 MAY TO 26 JUNE 2017.

## Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

## Foxden Parking.

Request for a site meeting sent to the North Essex parking Partnership. Reply awaited.

## Albert Moss Playing Field.

BDC say there was no concern from the inspector regarding children running from the play area due to the fence already in place and parent's being responsible for their children while in the play area. A sign '*Slow children playing*' could be erected on the approach to the car park. (An item has been placed on the June meeting agenda.)

## General Maintenance.

New dog waste bin and litter bin have been erected in Rectory Lane by BDC.

From Greenfields re the smaller Village Green..."*I have found out from our Grounds Maintenance manager that we aim to cut the grass during growing season monthly but because of contributing factors like the weather, equipment maintenance and staff sickness etc. as a general rule we say between 4-6 weeks (which is where I got the 6 weeks from). It is due to be cut again anytime now.*" David White is to be in contact with Cllr. Prime to monitor cutting of this grass area.

## 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.

## 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 May Minutes.

## 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.
- 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 blocking up of the lane has been rejected. 'Quiet Lane' signs are to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane in due course.
- 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 considered for submission 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.**

ECC has agreed to undertake carriageway repairs at The Drive off Henry Dixon Road during this coming summer period - probably after July.

A request has also been made for remedial repairs to the footway along Rickstones Road.

#### **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.

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex.**

The PCC for Essex has submitted a Local Business Case to the Home Secretary recommending a merger of both Essex Police and Essex Fire and Rescue. An Email was forwarded to Members which included full details of the submission.

#### **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.

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29 May 2017