

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2014.

Finance.

Documentation up to date and summaries being prepared for the December Precept meeting.

Essex Police.

PCSO Terrie Johnson has taken over patrols in the parish from Will Gladwell; her e-mail address is *terrie.Johnson@essex.pnn.police.uk*

Public Footpaths.

Early in the month Essex Police issued notices to m/cycle riders along the John Ray Walk - this means that if they do it again, and are caught, their m/cycles will be impounded and crushed.

General Maintenance.

The salt delivery has arrived and been properly stored and protected between the sheds at the Village Hall; the salt spreader has also arrived.

Planning.

Letters re applications for fair Rest and 3 Foxmead have been forwarded to BDC. It would appear that the applicants for the Waste Incinerator Site at Rivenhall Airfield have been granted, by ECC, an additional 2 years, until March 2017, to commence work on site.

The former Fox public house.

BDC has decided that the Fox Inn, London Road, Rivenhall End is not land of community value and, therefore, the nomination has been unsuccessful.

Tarecroft Wood.

Still awaiting a reply from ECC.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

Various unlit streetlights have been reported to ECC for repair. The demolished bollards in Oak Road, Rivenhall End have again been reported to ECC Highways by both the Clerk and the Chairman.

Highways Agency - A12.

HA information is that: "*Street Lighting maintenance is currently being carried out on the A12 from Witham through Rivenhall and on to Kelvedon, the works are due to take several weeks and can only be carried out during the night. The works require us to visit each light and carry out maintenance...*"

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.**

Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **Delivery date 01/02/2015.**

Railway Bridge, Oak Road - widen footway and introduce priority working. Final plans now signed off and agreed with the farmers (re width for agricultural machinery). **New delivery date 20/03/2015, but should be sooner based on information to hand.** ECC say that the works are expected to commence Monday 9 February 2015.

7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme). The Chairman has requested a firm date for the implementation of this weight restriction from ECC. **Date for delivery has now been put back to 27/02/2015.**

Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE**. Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of march 2015**.

40mph buffer northwards along Church Road - Speed survey conducted which showed average speeds above 30mph at War Memorial. ECC officers reluctant to agree scheme but after long discussion, Panel **AGREED** to recommend to Cabinet Member as an exception to policy. No delivery date yet known.

Extended railings outside the School entrance - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. 22m of new Railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. **Delivery date 10/12/2014**.

Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - A letter in support of the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.

Church Road/Oak Road clearer highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. **Delivery date 02/04/2015**.

Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - to allow parking and protect verge from further damage. **AGREED AND FUNDED**. £1,500

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)
25 November 2014.