

CLERK'S GENERAL PARISH REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2012.

"Making the Links"

Receiving the December copy via email; forwarding the email to Members and producing a hard copy for the circulation box.

Parish Council Precept.

Collating various documents from BDC and EALC relative to the amended Precept for 2013/2014. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Eric Pickles) has confirmed that the capping proposals for Principle Authorities would **NOT** be applied to Town and Parish Councils for 2013/2014 **although they may in future years.** (Information received from the SLCC on 20/12/12) Both the NALC and EALC have written to the Secretary of State expressing extreme disappointment at the response from the Government to its second consultation regarding the localisation of council tax support.

Tarecroft Wood.

Nothing further has been received from ECC.

Speed limit along Henry Dixon and Oak Roads.

Notice published in the local press (19/12/12) regarding the reduction of the speed limit along Henry Dixon Road from 40 to 30mph; objections to be sent to ECC prior to 17th January 2013.

GreenfieldsCH.

Reported to GreenfieldsCH that a vehicle is being regularly driven across the pavement and onto the grass verge in front of the bungalows.

Public Footpaths (Rights of Way).

Adverse weather conditions have interrupted the footpath monitoring programme.

ECC Salt Bag Scheme.

Salt bags locally delivered together with the necessary snow shovels and hi-vis gilets.

Speeding/accidents.

Another road traffic accident occurred in Park Road on Friday 14th December 2012; the Police attended.

ECC Minerals Local Plan Public Engagement.

A Pre-Submission Draft will be published on 17th January 2013 for a six-week 'consultation' providing residents with the opportunity to consider the soundness of the plan ahead of its submission for independent examination by a Planning Inspector later in 2013. Public drop-in sessions will be located throughout the County, the nearest to Rivenhall being Great Notley Country Park on Tuesday 5th February 2013.

Planning Enforcement - Appleford Farm.

Information has been received from BDC indicating their intention of commencing enforcement action "...after the Christmas break". (The Chairman will have further details at the January meeting)

A12 slip & Oak Road junction.

Notification has been received that discussions are on-going between ECC and the HA regarding the signage at this junction.

Possible attendance of HA representative at the February PC meeting.

Road resurfacing has been completed along this stretch of the A12.

General Maintenance.

Work has been undertaken to repair the notice board in Rickstones Road.

Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2012 have been included in the latest circulation box for Members' information.

At this meeting Members considered a recommendation to devolve responsibility for undertaking **minor highway works** to Parish and Town Councils. As the deadline for replies was prior to the January PC meeting, the Chairman submitted a reply setting out possible difficulties due to the modest Precept but also detailing possible future PC involvement using the Maintenance Contractor (Mr. Walsh).

Roads Maintenance.

Footway repairs under the Railway Bridge in Oak Road are currently with ECC Highways and the latest estimated date for this repair is February 2013, weather permitting.

The verge and drainage along Rickstones Road is due for another inspection by ECC Highways.

The failure of the new surface material along Rickstones Road has been reported and is now under investigation by the Highways Maintenance Team.

Parish Council Website.

All relevant information is up to date.

Planning Matters.

Receiving details of those applications granted or refused.

Letters sent to BDC as per minutes 702(vii) and 703(12/01495/FUL)

ECC & SBC Joint Waste Development Document.

Nothing further to report.

BDC's 'Allocations Development Plan Document'.

Public consultation on this document will take place between 10th January and 22nd February 2013 with public exhibitions being held at various locations, details of which have been advertised on the PC notice boards.

Finance.

Reconciling the monthly budget figures and the Bank Statement.

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)
1st January 2013.