

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FOR JULY 2015.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts up to date..

ECC Statement of Community Involvement = Public Consultation.

Comments, initiated by the Chairman, sent to ECC within the consultation period.

BDC Land Ownership.

Enquiries are ongoing into the ownership of the grassed area in Foxmead and who is arranging and paying for the grass to be maintained.

Public Footpaths.

Sewerage leak at the beginning of Footpath 5 from Rickstones Road has been repaired by the AWA.

General Maintenance.

Enquiries continue to find a replacement Maintenance Contractor. Adverts displayed on notice boards and in Oak Stores.

Rivenhall came first in it's category in the Essex Best Kept Village Competition 2015. Special thanks to all who continue to make the Village so attractive, especially to the Maintenance Contractor Mr. Tony Walsh.

Tarecroft Wood.

The Chairman and Clerk attended a site meeting arranged with David Evans (ECC Property & Facilities) on Wednesday 22 July 2015. Now awaiting his report back after further consultations within ECC.

Local Planning.

Documents sent to BDC relating to the recent planning applications 15/00762/FUL; 15/00765/FUL; 15/00726/FUL; 15/00867/FUL and 15/00800/FUL as considered at the July meeting.

The planning application re Colemans Farm Quarry: any decision has been deferred by ECC pending a site visit by all the members of the ECC D & R Committee.

ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan.

In line with the Chairman's circulated comments, a the Council's response will be forwarded to ECC before the closure of the consultation period.

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.

Nothing further to report at this time.

Bradwell Quarry.

Nothing further to report at this time.

ECC Roads Maintenance.

The speed loop requested for Rickstones Road has to be the subject of a LHP submission and this is being attended to.

The Chairman has requested the reinstatement of the "SLOW" roadway marking at Stoverns Hill, Rickstones Road.

The sunken roadside drain o/s 12 St. Mary's Road and the broken footway o/s number 24 have both been reported to ECC.

Notice of proposed carriageway repairs and road closure along Little Braxted Lane, commencing 10 August 2015.

Network Rail.

A site meeting, between the Chairman, Clerk and representatives from Network Rail, re the parking of network Rail vehicles near the Oak Road Railway Bridge when work is being undertaken in the area - took place on Monday 27 July 2015. Network Rail verbally agreed a plan of action to improve the space next to Footpath 47 - full details will be produced in due course. Network Rail also agreed to clear the roadside vegetation which has begun to encroach out from the bridge thereby reducing driver visibility.

Highways England - A12.

Notice received of the resurfacing work necessitating road closures to the A12 at Rivenhall End, due to commence on 27 July 2015 between 21.00 and 06.00 hours.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Fully approved at £46k less the £5k from RPC. There will be a public consultation period
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed for an additional 160 metres. There will be a public consultation period.
- c. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Fully approved £8.5k; some cutting back of Church Road hedge will be required to improve visibility.
- d. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.
- e. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions - submitted for approval.
- f. Reflector bollards outside waterfall Cottages, Park Road - submitted for approval.
- g. Introduction of a speed monitoring loop on Rickstones Road, at the bottom of Stoverns Hill - submitted for approval.

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)
28 July 2015.