

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 25 OCTOBER TO 28 NOVEMBER 2016.

Finance/Administration.

Accounts and administration are all up to date.

Work continued in preparation for the 2017/18 Precept meeting on Wednesday 14 December in the Village Hall at 20.00 hours.

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BDC Matters.

BDC are commencing a boundary review given the large developments proposed in the district. The timetable is for this to be completed before the 2019 elections; one of the sites indicated for a review is the Forest Road growth location.

General Maintenance.

General maintenance continues as programmed.

Contractor reminded re steps and slopes from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12.

BDC Local Plan.

The local plan for the Rivenhall area went to BDC Committee on 10 November 2016. __

Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator Site.

The Environment Agency are continuing to consider the response to their July notice but aren't yet in a position to make a decision.

Opposition communication sent both to BDC and ECC as per Minute 1354(iv).

Planning Applications.

Applications dealt with as per the November minutes.

Planning Appeals.

An appeal has been made to the secretary of State against BDC's decision to implement a restrictive condition re the lighting proposals included in application 15/00926/FUL - Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course. As the BDC condition corresponded to the recommendation of RPC,, and as the date for any submission to the Planning Inspector was prior to the date of the December RPC meeting, and after liaison with the Chairman, a communication was forwarded to the Planning Inspector endorsing the decision originally made by BDC.

Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - I have written to the BDLHP as per Minute 1354(vi).
- 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 - a new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane has been submitted.
- 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.

Tarecroft Wood.

Waiting for ECC to improve the entrance to the footpath and the car park surface off Rickstones Road.

ECC Highways Maintenance.

Repainting the highway surface signs along Oak Road towards the A12 hoping to reduce the number of HGVs turning into Foxmead remains outstanding.

Chairman in consultation with ECC regarding safety improvements at the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road.

ECC are to replace the broken sign and a request has been made to them for an advisory speed of 20mph to be shown.

Highways England

A local meeting re the A12 widening was held on 8 November 2016 at Rivenhall End. The only item to report is that H. E. plan to hold public consultations during the first quarter of 2017 together with a public meeting to be held, hopefully, in The Henry Dixon Hall.

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 November 2016.