

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 27TH JANUARY 2021 TO 23RD FEBRUARY 2021.

Finance/Administration.

Everything is up to date..

The appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Parish & Town Councils in England for 2021-22 is £8.41 per elector.

The PAYE payroll etc will in future be provided by DM Payroll Services Ltd., Kidderminster.

The Henry Dixon Hall Charity.

The council has been requested to confirm the following as Trustees of The Henry Dixon Hall Charity: Robert Turner; Dennis Clark; Elizabeth Acharyya and Carole McCarthy. This will appear as an item on the March agenda.

A.P.A. & Annual Council Meeting.

EALC have advised me that the ACM will be able to go ahead whether albeit electronically. Any advertising for the APA will have to include a caveat that it can only go ahead if legislation allows, at the moment it doesn't allow for gatherings until after 6th May 2021.

Three Parishes Meeting.

It was recommended that the three Parish Councils present a joint representation to both BDC and ECC regarding the lack of credence given to local representations regarding planning applications for major residential developments and the lack of local facilities, services and highway infrastructure. Some progress was being made regarding the tree planting scheme, which is now scheduled for Autumn '21.

The next meeting is scheduled for 24th May 2021 at Silver End.

Planning Applications.

21/00349/COUPA: Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural buildings to a flexible use within Shops (Class A), Financial and Professional, at Appleford Farm, Braxted Road, Rivenhall End, BDC has been requested to ask that this be made the subject of a full planning application.

21/00020/LBC: Replacement of 5 windows at front of Holly Cottage, 221 Oak Road. A 'No Comments' reply was returned to BDC.

The following planning applications have been granted by BDC;

20/02059/HH: Extensions etc to Glebe Farm Cottage, Rectory Lane.

20/02032/HH: Extension to 5 Beech Road.

20/02113/HH: Extension etc to Park Gate Farm House, Park Road.

20/02130/HH: Extension to 4 Foxmead, Rivenhall End.

BDC Local Plan.

Nothing further to report at this time.

Land South West of Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course.

General Highway Maintenance.

It's possible that some encroachment onto the Highway verge is being attempted at the notice board on Rickstones Road; the Chairman has mentioned this to ECC and requested BDC to consider action under Planning Enforcement.

Local Flooding.

On the 15th February the Chairman forwarded an email to all Members regarding his discussion with the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways regarding the flooding issues within the Parish.

General Maintenance.

There is nothing to report at this time.

Albert Moss Playing Field.

A new padlock has been required to secure the entrance to the playing field.

Glass bus shelter on Rickstones Road.

Repaired and payment awaited from the council's insurers.

IWMF, Rivenhall Airfield.

I have nothing further to report.

New Path r/o Village Hall.

Construction of this is due to commence during March.

Tarecroft Wood entrance car park.

Once the CCTV pole and camera is on site arrangements will be made for the opening and closing procedures.

Tree Planting.

Enquiries are in hand re possible tree purchase.

Colemans Quarry.

I have nothing further to report.

Proposed development South of Rickstones Road.

Work progresses on site.

SEND School, Rickstones Road.

Our maintenance contractor was asked, privately, by Cadence to erect a bridge from the Gas Metering site across the ditch across to the John Ray Walk. In discussion with the Chairman (his email dated 15th February 2021 gave more details re this area) Groundcare Ltd was advised to wait until the whole flooding question in this area is resolved.

A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening.

I have nothing further to report.

Bradwell Quarry.

I have nothing further to report.

BDLHP.

The next scheduled meeting should be on Thursday 28th January 2021.

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
23rd February 2021.