

CLERK'S GENERAL REPORT FROM 22ND FEBRUARY 2022 TO 29TH MARCH 2022.

Finance/Administration.

All matters are up to date.

I am finalising the accounts for year 2021/2022 and hope to produce the final figures at the April meeting. The Internal Audit is to be undertaken from Monday 11th April 2022.

It has been announced that Mr. Andy Wright will be stepping down after five years in the role. as BDC Chief Executive.

I'm pleased to report that the BDC Street Cleaning Grant has increased slightly for 2022/23 to £2,031.70.

The 2021/22 VAT claim form has been completed (£899.46) and will be sent to HMRC on 31st March 22.

Three Parishes Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 31st March 2022

Planning Applications.

A letter has been sent to the BDC Chief Executive as per March Minute 2207(i). A copy of the reply was forwarded to Councillors for information.

Planning Application results.

I have not received any notifications of planning results.

Network Rail level crossing closures

The Secretary of State has agreed with the Inspector that the Potters crossing should not be included in the Closure Order; the main reason being that the promised alternative along F/Path 48 is not viable due to being waterlogged, obstructed by a significant ditch and overgrown.

A copy of the full report was emailed to councillors.

General Highway Maintenance.

I haveam still awaiting a reply from ECC Highways re the crumbling wall adjacent to the steps leading from St. Mary's Road up to the Church Road footway.

Tree Planting.

The tree planting on the Albert Moss Playing Field was undertaken on Friday 18th March; children from both the Primary School and the Pre-School took part in the planting. Details of all the tree planting have been registered on the Queen's Green Canopy website.

Tarecroft Wood.

The Chairman has reported to ECC that additional storm damage has occurred in the wood.

General Maintenance.

The litter picker has given notice that he is unable to continue serving in this capacity due to other existing work requirements. I have advertised the vacancy and received one application to date.

Recycling Site.

A request has been submitted to ECC for the erection of the CCTV pole, in the meantime the CCTV camera has been reinstated together with adequate new warning notices.

I am now having to prove to ECC that as no electricity will be required to power the CCTV cameras a license for the pole is not required.

ECC Call for Sand and Gravel Extraction Sites.

A letter has been sent to ECC, via email on 25th March, as per the Chairman's draft letter which was circulated to Councillors, also via email, on 24th March. An automated receipt was received indicating that the council's comments were received before the end of the response time of 17.00 hours.

IWMF.

I have nothing further to report.

A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening.

Nothing further to report.

BDLHP.

The next meeting is scheduled for 31st March 2022.

Liaison with Chairman.

Liaison with the Chairman upon various items of correspondence, the agenda for the next meeting and ECC planning application documents as necessary.

Keith Taylor
29th March 2022