

Clerk's Report – 14th May 2018 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: All grounds maintenance as per contract. Broken rail on Millennium footpath fence repaired. **Works in hand:** Nettles to be strimmed back along field line of Millennium footpath. Sweeping in hand for Station Hill, Bures Station and Bridge Street. Weed spraying along various pavements.

BDC Street Clean Agreement: Agreement signed, returned and contribution of £827.64 received.

Greenfields Ground Maintenance Agreement: Parish Agreement 2018 received. Clerk to forward confirmation to continue as per previous agreements. A higher contribution of £370.06 had been offered by Greenfields for this coming year.

AONB Forum 2018: The Forum this year to be held at Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh on 15th June. The Chairman and Clerk had agreed to attend the morning session. All welcome to attend.

Colne-Stour Countryside: Annual summer party to be held at Over Hall, Colne Engaine on 28th June. Chairman and guest had been invited to attend.

Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Forum Conference: The Chairman and Clerk had agreed to attend the Forum Conference to be held at Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh on the 15th June.

Mount Bures footpath: Mount Bures Parish Council suggested that the newly adopted footpath could be named rather than just allocated a number. Clerk following up the matter with Mount Bures Parish Council Clerk as the footpath is within the Bures Hamlet parish boundary.

Highway verge at Lamarsh Hill: The Clerk had written to BDC to request that the section of verge adjoining Maltwood be included in its annual grass cutting regime.

Cambridge Way social housing: The Clerk had circulated details to all members of the change in management from Circle Anglia to Clarion Housing. The estate had originally been built under a S106 Agreement. Clerk suggested the parish council may need to consider holding a meeting with Clarion as it had with previous housing management.

Street light reports: Lamps 13 and 15 Colchester Road reported and ECC working to identify how to be repaired. Lamps 4, 5 and 9 Normandie Way reported and ECC working to identify how to be repaired.

Training calendar: The Clerk had circulated the EALC Training Calendar for 2018 – please contact the Clerk if any member is interested in any of the training sessions.

The Clerk was in receipt of the following and all circulated and held on file:

Details of Superfast Essex broadband update – Gigaclear in Braintree, Chelmsford and Colchester

Dedham Vale & Stour Valley News

Colne Stour Countryside Association April News

EALC Certificate of Membership 2018/19 which includes affiliation to NALC and Vine HR

Thank you letter from St Mary PCC for the parish council donation towards the parish magazine costs

EALC County Update April

Details of Cllr Peter Chillingworth, Colchester Mayor-Elect's 7 mile Charity Walk scheduled for 9th June

AONB Monthly Updates March and April

Mrs Jenny Wright, Clerk to Bures Hamlet Parish Council

