

Clerk's Report – 16th July 2018 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: All grounds maintenance as per contract. A second rail on Millennium footpath fence repaired. Millennium footpath field edge weed sprayed and cleared. Footpath at The Paddocks to Colne Road tidied. FP5 and FP8 trimmed as agreed. Colchester Road litter picked. Overgrowth cleared around road signs for better visibility. Sweeping at Bridge Street, Station Hill and the station area. Essex Knoll flower bed replanted for the summer.

Hollyhocks at Station Hill: Cllr Crowe had asked the Clerk for the hollyhocks to be removed as they created poor visibility for drivers turning into Water Lane. She had discussed the matter with the Chairman and Vice-chairman as the contractor was reluctant to cut back the hollyhocks in full bloom. **Members to agree if to remove in autumn and plant area with smaller shrubs. Also to plant a selection of bulbs for spring flowering.**

Lamp P3 at The Paddocks footpath: A & J Lighting had been called out and the parish owned lamp had been repaired at a cost of £124.35 + VAT.

Greenfields Ground Maintenance Agreement: Agreement signed, returned and contribution of £370.06 received.

Tree work at Lamarsh Hill bungalows: Following a request from a resident the Clerk had arranged for 3 dead trees to be removed along the bank opposite the bungalows near the parking area. Works completed by Greenfield Housing. The bank to the right of Ferriers Lane had been cut back but neither Greenfield Housing or the lane owner had cleared this area.

Flowers at Lamarsh Hill: Residents were planting flowers along the bank of Lamarsh Hill which should not be discouraged. However the residents agreed with the Clerk that they would not plant in areas which would interfere with the parish contractor's grass cutting regime.

Damaged willow tree: Reported to the landowner for removal.

Cabinet at corner of Station Hill: Openreach had re-painted the cabinet as previously agreed when Cabinet P4 was installed further up the hill.

Website link: Essex Info had added a link to the parish council website re-directing users to the upgraded Joint Bures OneSuffolk website.

Essex Fire and Rescue Plan 2019 - 2024: Workshops being held throughout July to find out views on what the priorities for fire and rescue services in the county should be. Online booking via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Mount Bures footpath: The Clerk had received the ECC Definitive Map Modification No. 624 (Braintree) Order dated 30th April 2018 for the new entry of FP33 Brook House Road. Clerk following up with Mount Bures Parish Council Clerk for FP33 to be named and plaque erected.

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. Note a Planning Briefing to be held at EALC Great Dunmow on Saturday 29th September 10am to 12.30pm.

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

Trading Standards warning on fraudulent 'Green Energy' companies

Information on Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2018

Details of the Government decision to open up the Ordnance Survey MasterMap under Open Government Licence. Further information via www.osuk/openmastermap

NALC Guide to effective partnership working between principal and local councils

NALC Charter for Trees, Woods and People – guide for parish councils

ECC May edition of Highways Highlights information leaflet

Survey via EALC to submit a proposal to Government to make the adoption of CIL regimes by local councils mandatory

AONB May and June updates

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