

## **Clerk's Report – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council**

**Grounds maintenance: Works completed:** All grounds maintenance as per contract. Branch debris cleared along Colchester Road. Sweeping at Station Hill to clear drain debris. Strimming at FP8 as requested by the Parish ROW Officer.

**Ferriers Lane site:** Following a number of complaints the Clerk had requested the Planning Enforcement Officer to visit the site and advise whether the 2 large 'caravans' recently installed presented a breach of planning conditions. He advised that there was no breach and the owner had now fulfilled the outstanding permission from 2015 for a further 2 caravans.

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

**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.

**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.

**Damaged footbridge at Cambridge Brook:** A tree had fallen and damaged one of the handrails. Landowner had cleared the tree debris and the damaged handrail had now been repaired by ECC.

**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.

**PKF Littlejohn LLP Webinar:** The Clerk had downloaded the PowerPoint slides of the webinar for reference when completing the External Audit.

**E-on energy charges:** E-on supplies electricity to the parish council un-metered supply, this being the 4 parish owned lights. An increase in charges was now pending from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 from 15.75p to 17.90 per kWh. It had previously agreed to remain with E-on owing to the small costs involved.

**Damaged footpath at Station Hill:** The Clerk had submitted a report on the damage to the footpath adjacent to the newly repaired wall. ECC advised that this work did not require immediate attention and would continue to monitor. Ref: 2548062.

**Damaged electricity pole:** The Clerk had reported the damaged pole at Parsonage Hill to UK Power and this had been repaired on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

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

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

Details of training sessions available to improve cycling proficiency –

<https://saferessexroads.org/road-users/cycling/>

Details of the new Rural Housing Enabler at the Rural Community Council of Essex –

<https://www.essex.org.uk/OurworkwithCommunities/AffordableHousing.aspx>

Details of the Gateway to Home Choice Housing Breakfast Briefings 2018 to be held at Braintree District Council during the year. To reserve a place please email

[angela.tame@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:angela.tame@braintree.gov.uk)

Dedham Vale and Stour Valley request for tree planting volunteers for the area – if interested please email [Alex.mooredaluz@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Alex.mooredaluz@suffolk.gov.uk)

River Stour Trust Lock Lintel booklet

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