

Clerk's Report – 11th March 2019 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: All grounds maintenance as per contract. Sweeping at Bridge Street, Station Hill and the station area. Leaf clearance. Repaired damaged Millennium fence rail. Repaired damaged sign at Maltings Close. Tree cleared from Mount Bures footpath.

Essex Knoll bench: Following an inspection report the Clerk had ordered a new 7 foot bench of local English Oak to replace the existing bench. Cost £504 plus £40 fixings.

Memorial plaque: An oak post had kindly been donated free of charge and a plaque to commemorate the late Pauline Phillips, creator of FP33 had been ordered. Clerk continuing to progress the project.

Damaged signs: Damaged sign at Hornes Green reported via ECC reporting tool – Ref 2594031. The sign had been assessed and schedule of works being processed.

ECC Parish ROW: Clerk to hold a supply of waymarker discs for the parish ROW system. Two damaged posts to be replaced at FP5 near Ferriers Farm.

Manhole cover: The noisy manhole cover at Hamlet Court had been reported again via the reporting tool. Ref 2605392 – works in progress.

Colne Road flooding: The regular occurrence of flooding at Colne Road just before Bakers Hall had been reported via ECC Highways reporting tool Ref: 20184587. ECC had agreed to monitor the situation. All known flooding issues to be reported to the Clerk for regular reporting.

Street lights: Street lights at Lamarsh Hill and outside Appletrees had been reported to ECC and repairs in hand.

Dedham Vale Project: Cllr Lee and the Clerk attended the 'Planning in a Designated Landscape: Guides, Rules & Tools' workshop in January.

Digital Mapping event: Cllr Baker and the Clerk had attended this free event presented by Pear Technology at Claydon on 25th February. Presentations given on PSMA, asset, cemetery and tree mapping and management.

Braintree, Halstead & Witham Citizens Advice: The Clerk had advertised details of a new phone first service for the Citizens Advice. Information via www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Braintree Community Transport: The Clerk had advertised information on the Braintree Community Transport service. Community Service is a service dedicated to providing subsidised transport to non profit-making groups and individuals. Information via community.transport@braintree.gov.uk

The Pensions Regulator: Every 3 years an employer has a legal duty to complete and submit a re-declaration of compliance. Re-enrolment for BHPC opens 1st May 2019 and closes 31st October 2019. Clerk to complete re-declaration.

NALC Legal Briefing March 2019: The briefing highlights that some Local Planning Authorities are no longer publishing redacted personal data online but making comments/responses available for inspection at offices citing GDPR as the reason for this change of practice. NALC are encouraging all LPAs to continue with publishing online.

EALC VAT registration: To note that HMRC have confirmed that the EALC is now VAT registered with effect from 1st February 2019

Training calendar: Cllr Ellis and Cllr Baker had attended the Councillor training days in January and February. Clerk and Cllr Ellis had attended the Election Day training event at Great Dunmow.

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

Essex County Fire & Rescue Plan 2019 – 2024

ECC Local Bus Consultation 19th December 2018 – 22nd March 2019

Details of Essex Fund – a grant available and managed by Essex Community Foundation

BDC Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) consultation

Details of ECC Place Services Arboricultural Consultant offering parish councils a tree inventory service

AONB Monthly update February 2019

River Stour Trust Lock Lintel Issue Spring 2019

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