

## Clerk's Report – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

**Grounds maintenance:** Weather has been extremely wet and given difficult working conditions for the contractor. However he has continued to respond to work requests.

**Works completed:** All grounds maintenance as per contract. Leaves cleared at Station Hill. Sweeping at Bridge Street, Station Hill, Colchester Road and Station area. Debris cleared from The Paddocks footpath through to Normandie Way.

**Sandbags:** The Clerk had arranged for the contractor to purchase 50 sandbags. These had now been delivered to vulnerable locations in the Bridge Street, Station Hill and Colchester Road area. Unused sandbags to be collected and stored at the end of winter. Residents to contact the Clerk if further supplies needed.

**Gritting:** Contractor Gary Vaughan has agreed to grit the parish pavements over the winter months as necessary. New gritter purchased jointly by both parish councils.

**Colchester Road closure:** B1508 section at Normandie Way to be closed for 5 nights from 19<sup>th</sup> March to allow surface dressing to be completed – <https://one.network/?tm=115885510> for further information and update.

**Mount Bures Crossing Cottage:** The cottage lies within the parish of Bures Hamlet. The Arch Company acquired the cottage in the sale of properties from Network Rail and have responsibility to ensure it is safe and secure. They are arranging for the vegetation to be cut back. Cllr Aries (Station Adopters) and Cllr Woodman (MBPC) are in contact with Arch.

**Pothole at Station Hill:** Pothole reported No. 2645422 and temporary repair quickly actioned owing to location. ECC to monitor and permanent repair to be made if necessary.

**Oak tree at Colchester Road:** The Clerk had submitted an online report to ECC Highways following advice from Landscape Services. Photographs had been submitted along with a request for an inspection of the tree owing to its excessive height and deadwood. ECC initial assessment completed. A second report submitted early January however no further update.

**Flashing bollard:** Bollard at Station Hill reported to ECC. Ref. 20425002. To be repaired but no date given.

**Manhole cover:** The damaged manhole cover at Lamarsh Hill had been reported to ECC. Ref 2634191. Referred again to ECC and has been assessed and repairs pending.

**Colne Road development:** The Clerk liaising with the developer to alleviate any residents concerns while the works continued on site.

**FP30:** Trip hazard reported. Application to be made to ECC for the re-tarmac of the path way.

**Rough Sleeper Evidence:** A Nil return was forwarded to BDC for the parish of Bures Hamlet overnight on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**Telephone Kiosk:** Still waiting on internal clean by BT. Exterior to be tidied by Cllr Baker.

**Unauthorised Encampment Briefing:** Briefing to be delivered by Sergeant Paul Downes who leads the Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team. This is a free briefing to be held at Great Dunmow on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**Colchester Road bus shelters:** The required passenger shelter licence details had been forwarded to the Essex Highways Infrastructure Development Manager as requested.

**Community cohesion and reducing loneliness in the Braintree District:** The Clerk had completed a parish survey on facilities, clubs, groups, communication and services for the village. Information had also been advertised on the Snippet Page to highlight the impact of loneliness on communities.

**Appointment of new EALC Chief Executive Officer:** Charlene Slade has been appointed Chief Executive Designate and will take up the post on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 following the pending retirement of Joy Darby.

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

Consultation: Essex Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance & Mitigation Strategy SPD  
– consultation to run from 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 –

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd>

BDC – Partnership Development Group: Review into Leisure Provision (Scrutiny Enquiry) –  
comments invited

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