

## **Clerk's Report – 14<sup>th</sup> January 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. Bulb planting at Station Hill garden, grassed triangle at Water Lane, grassed verge at Colchester Road and Essex Knoll. Bus shelters cleaned. Leaf clearance. Repaired damaged Millennium fence rail. Repaired damaged sign at Maltings Close.

**Electoral Register 2019:** The Clerk had received the 2019 Electoral Register. Usage to be confined to parish matters only and access to be strictly controlled as per Braintree District Council's instruction.

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

**Bures Station Request Stop:** The Clerk had received notification from Greater Anglia that despite assurances that the request stop situation at Bures Station would cease in December this would now continue until May 2019 owing to the National Timetable results.

**County Broadband update:** The Clerk had circulated the County Broadband Monitoring Plan Update from Making the Connection Superfast Essex. The summary confirmed by parish the number of premises either available, not available or planned by County Broadband.

**Eon Energy prices review:** The Clerk was in receipt of the reviewed E-ON energy prices from 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

**Public Sector Mapping Agreement:** The Clerk had signed up with the Ordnance Survey PSMA online service and had received details of the digital mapping toolkit.

**BDC Annual Submission of Sleeping Rough Estimate:** The Clerk had returned a Nil return to BDC for the rough sleeping estimate for Bures overnight of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Damaged drain covers:** Damaged drain cover at Station Hill to be monitored by ECC. The Paddocks damaged drain cover had been repaired.

**Damaged signs:** Damaged sign at Hornes Green reported via ECC reporting tool – Ref 2594031. The sign had been assessed and agreed to be repaired.

**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.

**Bures Allotments:** The Allotment Manager had followed up with Stormport regarding damage made during recent works to rectify unsafe electrical equipment at the allotments. Stormport had agreed to make good all damage.

**Flytipping at Ferriers Lane:** The Clerk had reported the flytipping at Ferriers Lane. Some sensitive material had been removed by BDC but as debris was considered to be on private land the Street Scene Supervisor advised the Clerk that the remaining waste was under the responsibility of the landowner to remove.

**Training calendar:** Cllr Ellis and Cllr Baker to attend 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:**

Information on the Essex Fund managed by Essex Community Foundation – details available via [www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply/the-essex-fund/](http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply/the-essex-fund/)

Notification of the ECC Local Bus Consultation from 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. Details via [www.essex.gov.uk/local-bus-consultation](http://www.essex.gov.uk/local-bus-consultation)

Notification of the Public Consultation on Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) – details available via [www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation](http://www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation)

NALC Funding Bulletin November – please contact the Clerk for information on the various grants available

Notification of Essex Rural Skills Projects giving free practical training for those aged 45 years and over and currently not working – details via [www.essexrsp.org.uk](http://www.essexrsp.org.uk)

Dedham Vale AONB Monthly updates November and December 2018

EALC County Update Local Service Fund November 2018

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