

Clerk's Report – 16th January 2017 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: Waste bins emptied as required. Gutters and paths swept at station, Station Hill, Water Lane and outside Swan PH area.

Leaf fall cleared from main areas in the parish. Lifebelts cleaned.

Gritting: The gritter had been checked ready for use during extreme weather. Gary Vaughan inspected the pavements early morning of the 13th and it had been necessary to grit two areas – walkway to the station and the road bridge in Bridge Street.

Annual Parish Meeting 30th March: Simon Amstutz of the AONB and Howard Lowe of Dementia Friends are both willing to give a presentation at the APM. **Members to discuss and follow up on preference.**

ROW 1, 3 & 4: Clerk still following up with Parish ROW Officer, Landowner and Essex County Council for the extinguishment/ reinstatement of these paths across the Ferriers pits. Landowner had referred all paperwork to its Land Agent. It is suggested that if no agreement is made with the landowner on this matter then the parish council should follow up with ECC with a view to improve the access of the existing footpaths.

Damaged stile at Master Farm: ECC confirmed that the stile did not warrant repair at the moment but would continue to monitor.

Channel sweeping & gully clearance: BDC had channel swept and cleared all gullies in the parish during the first week of January.

Defibrillator: Following concerns that the Bures defibrillator could not be accessed when it was urgently needed over the Christmas period The Community Heartbeat Trust carried out a site inspection. The inspection showed that the cabinet opened and the AED was in a fully operational state. Cllr McCrory subsequently posted a guide on the telephone box outlining the processes to follow to access the cabinet. The Clerk had forwarded further information from the CHT for advertising in the magazine.

Greens Fish Bar: The fish bar to move from its current site at Chambers Garage to Bures Common from Friday 20th January.

Bus Passenger News: HC Chambers Sudbury Bus Station to Colchester Route 83 and X84 being withdrawn. Route 84 and 84A being simplified and the Saturday service reduced. All from 8th January. Full details on website.

AONB Survey: The AONB and Stour Valley Partnership were looking to undertake a boundary review of the nationally designated landscape and seeking the views of residents in the area via a short online survey. Please go to the following to express your views:

<http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/planning-and-projects/aonb-boundary-review/>

Street Lighting: Lamp Nos. 6 and 14 Colchester Road reported. ECC investigating. Parish lamp bollard along the Paddocks footpath required electricity underground works. Referred to UK Power Network.

RBL Battle's Over 2018: Bures Beacon had been registered to be lit for this RBL event in commemoration and remembrance of the end of the First World War.

Millennium Bridge clean: Still needs a clean. Clerk to suggest that the Scouts be approached to do this in the spring.

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

Minutes of the DaRT 3 Working Group meeting of November 28th held at Halstead
ECC & Southend on Sea Borough Council Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan
Modifications – Public Consultation

Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan Issues & Options Consultation

Braintree District Volunteer Awards – Nomination deadline 1st March 2017 via
www.braintree.gov.uk/bdva

Details of the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone announcement via Suffolk Trading Standards

Passenger Transport Operational Team Useful Contact Information

AONB Monthly Updates November & December 2016

Essex Partnership Shaping the Future of Essex via online survey

Details of the planned maintenance works on the A120 and A12 via Highways England
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