

Clerk's Report – 16th March 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. Old sandbags cleared from around the parish and re-stored. Spring litterpick of the outer sections of the parish to be completed in conjunction with the joint village litterpick. FP8 clearance.

Joint Village litterpick: Ken Jackson organising a joint village litterpick for Saturday 21st March. For those volunteers interested please meet at Church Square at 10am. All necessary equipment will be supplied.

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

Lights: Light at Hamlet Court reported as unlit Ref 20480568. Lights at Water Lane also reported as out Ref 20464643.

FP30 hedge boundary: The Clerk had informed the resident that this was a boundary hedge and the parish council had never taken on responsibility for its maintenance. Resident had confirmed that they would be completing hedge reduction in the spring.

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.

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. Repaired.

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. Manhole leaking sewerage reported at the entrance to Ferriers Lane Ref: 2660292.

Colne Road development: The Clerk liaising with the developer to alleviate any residents concerns while the works continued on site. Mud on road continuing to be cleared as per agreement. Monitoring.

North Essex Parking Partnership: Surgeries being held at Causeway House for County, Local and Parish Councillors to meet with the management team to discuss any parking related matters.

Parking on pavements: The Clerk had investigated pavement parking regulations and circulated the relevant information to members and interested residents.

Chamber Timetable changes: Route 754 Sudbury to Colchester 30 minute service introduced in 2018 had not been successful and the route had reverted back to an hourly service at the end of January.

BDC Review into Leisure Provision: The Clerk had completed a review of leisure in the village. She had submitted this information to the Governance and Members Officer at BDC. Bures demonstrated that it had a good mix of leisure and sports facilities in the village.

Community Information Session: A drop in community information session scheduled for Monday 23rd March at The Eight Bells Public House, Colchester Road from 12noon to 2pm. Information on Home Security, protecting against scams, Home Fire Safety advice, Local Community information and lots more.

Training: The training record had been updated and can be found on the parish council website. Clerk had attended the Annual Meetings training and Standing Orders training at EALC. She had also completed an online E-learning for GDPR. The Clerk's Bursary and £100 Training voucher had offset these costs.

Government guidance on Coronavirus: All information received had been circulated as widely as possible and may be found on the parish council website.

Vulnerable persons: The Clerk had made all members aware that an Emergency Plan and a Vulnerable Persons plan was held as Case Sensitive for when emergency action was required within the village.

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

Consultation on the new electric care centre for orthopaedic surgery suggested for the Colchester Hospital site at Turner Road

Visit Braintree District new tourism website launched

Information on Braintree District Volunteer Awards – nominations deadline 1st May

Information on the Essex Village of the Year Competition

Dedham Vale Society information leaflet 2019-20

AONB Monthly Update January & February 2020

RCCE Essex Warbler information sheet

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