

Clerk's Report – 18th July 2016 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: Waste bins emptied as required. All grassed areas cut as per grounds maintenance contract. Gutters and paths swept at station area and Bridge Street. Banks strimmed at railway bridge. Nettles cleared along fence to Millennium bridge and fencing repaired. Suckers cut back and tidying around fencing of Normandie Way playarea and adjoining footpath. Clearance of footpath over railway line to Parsonage Hill. **Works in hand:** Waste bins to be installed. NHW signs to be erected.

Landing Stage: The landing stage had been repaired. Cost £365.00

Lamarsh Hill entrance gate: Ken Brightwell had cleaned and repainted the gate. Cost £82.00.

Flytipping at Colne Road layby: Reported and removed by Braintree District Council.

Replacement bus timetable: The Clerk had contacted Essex County Council to replace the timetable at the bus shelter at Normandie Way and at Station Hill.

Normandie Way playarea fencing: The Clerk had reported for repair. Ref: 1-XBK1W.

Abandoned vehicle at Lamarsh Hill allotments: This had been removed by Braintree District Council.

Van for sale: The Clerk had arranged for a polite warning notice to be placed on the parked van for sale next to the old garage site.

Millennium Bridge clean: Bures Scout Troop had agreed to do the annual clean of the bridge during its summer programme.

Dedham Vale Scattered Orchard Project: Details of the project circulated and Ken Jackson to follow up with Dedham Vale for a free supply of traditional orchard trees. He would investigate some suitable sites in the village.

DaRT 3 Working Group: The Clerk was in receipt of the notes from the last meeting held at Halstead Town Council Offices. Cllr Welch agreed to attend the next meeting on 14th July.

County Broadband meeting: A presentation by County Broadband had been held in the Community Centre on Monday 20th June attended by approximately 30 people. The presentation was to raise awareness of the various options for broadband and telephone use locally. Some interest was shown but County Broadband to follow up with individuals.

E.ON Deemed Contract rates: Rate increase effective from 1st July. These rates refer to the electricity usage on the 4 parish owned lights.

Superfast Broadband programme: Information event to be held on Wednesday 13th July at the Essex Record Office.

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations: The St Mary's Church service had been well attended and a 21 gun salute held in the rear churchyard following the service. Due to the rain the picnic on the sportsground was less well supported but thoroughly enjoyed by all those who did. The beacon had been kindly lit by Alice and Joseph Ward. Thanks expressed to David Lee for organising the event.

BALC Annual Meeting: Cllr Welch had attended the meeting on 14th June – for reporting.

Pensions Act: The Clerk was in receipt of the essential guide to the new law on workplace pensions. Bures Hamlet Parish Council as an Employer had a duty to act. Staging Date for BHPC was 1st August 2016 and compliance as an Employer to be declared within 5 months of that date.

EALC Annual Conference: The Conference was to be held at Great Dunmow on 22nd September. Presentations from Leader of ECC, Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

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

Information on Essex County Council Passenger Transport Survey 2016 – to complete the survey go online www.essex.gov.uk/transportsurvey

Information on Essex County Council Flood grants available – Property Level Protection grant and Community Flood Improvement Fund

Consultation on review of Essex Development Management Policies 2016

Details of Submission of Essex County Council Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan

Essex County Council Consultation on proposed changes to bus fare on services provided by ECC – www.essex.gov.uk/busfares

Braintree District Council Open Spaces Action Plan 2016

Details of an Information Event on the Superfast broadband programme – July 13th at Essex Record Office

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