

Clerk's Report – 19th November 2018 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: All grounds maintenance as per contract. Sweeping at Bridge Street, Station Hill and the station area. Overhanging branches cut back at Mount Bures junction. Bulb planting at Station Hill garden, grassed triangle at Water Lane and grassed verge at Colchester Road.

Works in hand: Damaged fence rails along Millennium footpath to be repaired.

Voter ID at Polling Stations: BDC has been included in a Pilot area for voter ID at Polling Stations for the elections scheduled for 2nd May 2019. Finer details still being worked out with the Cabinet Office but the BDC Returning Officer had given support to the scheme.

Electoral Register 2019: The Clerk had returned the form duly signed to allow her to receive the new Electoral Register. Usage to be confined to parish matters only and access to be strictly controlled as per Braintree District Council's instruction.

BDC Review of Polling District & Polling Places: The Parish Council had been consulted on this Review. Polling Station for Bures Hamlet was at The Eight Bells Public House, Colchester Road with no recommendation to change this location.

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

BDC Annual Submission of Sleeping Rough Estimate: The Clerk was in receipt of the information and the data recording sheet to record a rough sleeping estimate for Bures overnight of 22nd/23rd November. She had circulated information to gain a full insight of any persons sleeping rough for recording.

Colne Road: Road traffic closure on 28th and 29th November owing UK Power Network tree cutting maintenance to keep branches away from powerlines.

Bridge Stores: A break in at the newsagents has resulted in cash and a charity collection box being taken. The collection box has since been retrieved on the outskirts of the village, however the cash had been removed. Damaged window boarded up for safety.

Banner on Essex Knowle: The Clerk had received a number of objections to the placing of banners by the anti Gladmans Campaign Group on public land. She had politely asked the Group to remove the banner from the Essex Knowle as this was parish council land. The banner had subsequently been removed.

ECC Pothole fixing initiative: ECC had requested specific details of potholes requiring attention in the parish. The Clerk had circulated but had not received any requests for repairs to be followed up.

Essex Highways Briefing: The Clerk had circulated details of this event to be held on 7th November. She had attended the 2017 event but declined to attend this year's event.

Damaged drain covers: Damaged drain covers at Station Hill and The Paddocks had been reported via ECC reporting tool – Ref 2594539/40. Also reported – noisy manhole cover at Colchester Road Ref ECC5462501 10 18 which had been successfully adjusted.

Damaged signs: Damaged sign at Hornes Green reported via ECC reporting tool – Ref 2594031.

County Broadband: County Broadband had held a meeting in the village on 29th October to promote its pending broadband provision for the local area. Further information available via www.countybroadbandfibre.co.uk

Training calendar: The Clerk had circulated the EALC Training Calendar for 2018 – 2019. Clerk and Cllr Ellis to attend an Elections training day on November 29th as a lead up to the 2019 Elections. Cllr Ellis and Cllr Baker to attend Councillor training days in the New Year.

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

Ministry of Local Government Planning Update Newsletter November

Essex Passenger Transport details on proposed Colchester Bus Stop reallocation – details can be found on www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/bus.aspx

AONB Monthly update – September & October

Details of The Aviva Community Fund via <https://at.aviva.uk/BHIB>

Essex Highways – Highways Highlights newsletter – also available via the parish website

Updates from UK Power Networks – giving details of 105 telephone reporting, Priority Service Register – www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Details of the North Essex Parking Partnership – www.parkingpartnership.org.uk/north

EALC Strategic Plan Consultation Timeline

Essex Police information on Telephone Fraudsters and Common Scams

Information on raising awareness of Scam Mail via Royal Mail

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