

Clerk's Report – 20th July 2020 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Works completed: All grounds maintenance completed as per contract. Normandie Way bench still to be re-varnished. Bench at Essex Knoll to be given a coat of preservative. Lamarsh Hill entrance gate refurbished. Lettering and missing ECC shield rebuilt on the gate. JPB investigating weed spray options. Weed removal in hand at various locations in the parish. Branch removed from tree at the Knoll. Footbridge over Cambridge Brook repaired. Hedge cleared around footpath direction sign from Colne Road to Butlers Farm. Hedge trimmed around fingerpost on footpath from Bakers Hall to Ferriers Cottage. Footpath from Ferriers Lane to Colne Road cut back to create a 'passing place'. Footpath leading from The Paddocks to Normandie Way strimmed. Asbestos flytipping reported at Colne Road layby Ref 415488. Carrier bag dispenser installed along Millennium footpath. Cllr Baker maintaining a supply of carrier bags.

Waste: The Clerk had returned the transfer note duly signed for the waste collected via the Trade Waste bin at Bures Common. Supplies of clear recycling sacks and purple waste sacks to be held by the Clerk for handing out on request. Excess waste continuing to generate from the markets and the traders at the Common.

Millennium gate and advisory notices: Signs to encourage visitors to close the gate for safety reasons have been ordered plus 3 signs advising no entry into the cow field. The safety grid had been removed from the bottom of the gate as it had deteriorated and was a hazard to users. **A request has been made for a grid to be re-fixed on safety grounds.**

Members to advise if required and if so Clerk will arrange for a new grid to be fixed.

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

Salt Bag Partnership Scheme: The Clerk had submitted the application online for 2020/21. The Support Pack documentation had been received. The Clerk had reported that BH had sufficient salt bag stock for this winter.

Bridge sign: Road restriction sign at Station Hill reported as loose.

Lamarsh Hill drain: The drain has been reported as blocked Ref 2669303.

Willow tree: Damaged willow tree along Millennium footpath cleared by Richard Fordham.

Funding Grants update: Details held on file of grants available – BDC Councillors Community Grant, National Lottery Community Fund, Essex Coronavirus Response and Recovery Programme, Magic Little Grants, ECC Community Initiative Fund (CIF) 2020.

Possessory Title for Essex Knoll: Registration of a re-application due on 5th November 2021. Clerk would continue to follow up with Wayman & Long for re-imburement of costs.

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.

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.

Greenfields: Greenfields and Colne Housing had merged on the 1st July and became Eastlight Community Homes Limited.

Colne Road development: Site team very approachable when issues arise. The complaint of loud music on site was discussed and amicably resolved.

Training: The training record had been updated and can be found on the parish council website.

Government guidance on Coronavirus: All information received has been circulated as widely as possible. BDC Community Development Officer supplied bags full of information leaflets giving advice on various support available to vulnerable residents. Bags distributed at Bures Market and via Cllr Saer at the Swapshop facility.

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

NHW: The Clerk continued to circulate NHW newsletters via her emailing list. Cyber & Fraud Protect messages advertised on the facebook pages.

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

Information on BDC introduction to submitting planning applications online new feature.
Comments regarding The Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan to be submitted to BDC between 22nd June and 3rd August.

Essex Highways Highlights June and July editions

AONB Monthly update June

Mount Bures list of road closures for September and October.

Mount Bures Road Closures			
Date	Road	Days Closed	Link
15-Sep-20	Pear Tree Hill	18 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587266
12-Aug-20	Fordham Road	7 days	https://one.network/?tm=117556663
14-Jul-20	Dowling Road	14 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587299
22-Oct-20	Hall Road	7 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587387
09-Oct-20	Takeleys	14 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587333
05-Oct-20	Dowling Road	5 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587299

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