

13th January 2014 Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Clerk's Report

Grounds maintenance: All waste bins had been emptied and dog waste bins checked and emptied as necessary. All grasscutting and strimming completed as per contractor's agreement under BDC and Greenfields. Leaves and debris cleared at Bridge Street and Colchester Road. Foliage around street lamp at Woolpit Downs cut back. Dog waste bin at corner opposite Swan PH damaged. New waste bin purchased and fixed £110 + VAT. Parking sign refixed with new banding at Station.

Damaged willows: The 4 damaged willows along the Millennium footbridge path had been cleared by landowner.

Millennium footpath: In November several residents reported that the new surfacing along the footpath was very slippery to walk on during the early icy mornings. The Clerk had discussed the matter with T5 Building Contractors and it was agreed the surfacing should be pressure washed. It was agreed to accept Chris Mortimer's quotation £25 + VAT and the work has been carried out.

Wooden bridge at the Mill: In November a resident fell down on the wooden bridge at the Mill owing to the icy surface. Clerk referred the matter to the OPS Team of the Environment Agency.

Minutes: The Clerk would circulate the minutes of BHPC, St. Mary's, Sportsground and Cemetery to all members for information and interest.

Dog fouling: The Clerk on behalf of the Sports Ground Committee had erected notices on all entrances to the sportsground advising that members were monitoring dog fouling and would investigate byelaws if the problem did not improve. Dog Warden to visit the parish.

The Clerk was in receipt of the following:

Information on the Dedham Vale draft project Wild along the Stour Valley Path – circulated

Notification of the new BDC Monitoring Officer Mr Ian Hunt – circulated

Information on the new industry rules for a micro-business – Clerk had sent confirmation of BHPC's qualification as a Micro-Business

Information on grants available from Active Essex – circulated

Letter from The Tree and Lawn Company Ltd outlining its services – to be held on file for future reference

Mrs Jenny Wright
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