

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 Bures Hamlet Parish Council  
Clerk's Report**

**Grounds maintenance:** All grass cutting completed as per maintenance agreement. Nettles along fence line at Millennium footpath sprayed and cleared. Sweeping completed at Station Hill and Colchester Road. Overhang along The Paddocks footpath had been cut back. Cuttings left from cutting back of the holly bush at the corner of Woolpit Downs cleared. Nettles at field gate and at Millennium gate to be cut back. Tree overhang inside gate to be cut back.

**Dog waste bag dispensers:** The two dispensers had been removed and would be stored at the parish contractors until a decision made on their disposal.

**1 Normandie Way:** The owners of No. 1 Normandie Way had asked if the section of grass area adjacent to their boundary wall to the highway could be kept clear by the parish contractor. Cllr Evans and the Clerk had investigated and the section appeared to have originally been part of the highway. Chris Mortimer agreed to weed kill and include when cutting the grass area at Normandie Way.

**Colne Road surfacing:** Essential carriage way surfacing from Bakers Hall down to Station Hill to commence on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Essex Highways had notified all residents within the vicinity as access would be restricted.

**Stour Heritage at Risk Project:** David and Anne Taylor had volunteered to take part in this project to undertake visual surveys of Grade 11 Listed Buildings in Bures Hamlet.

**Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Forum Conference** – The Chairman had attended the forum held at Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh on 26<sup>th</sup> June which outlined the work of the project and its next 5 year management plan.

**Letters of thanks:** A letter of thanks had been received from Ferriers Barn and Essex Air Ambulance for the parish council's £50 donations to their charities. Essex Air ambulance Co-ordinator offered to organise a visit for members of the parish council to observe the aircraft first hand.

**Brooks Newmark MP:** Brooks was keen to be involved in parish events. The Clerk had forwarded him a list of events for the remainder of the year.

**Home Fire Safety Visit:** The Clerk had circulated throughout the parish details of the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Home Fire Safety Visit Scheme offering smoke alarms free of charge.

**Greenfields Estate visits:** Mark Garnham, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to visit Lamarsh Hill bungalows and Woolpit Downs on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00pm. Clerk and Cllr Barnham to attend.

**Training:** The Clerk was in receipt of details of Councillor and Clerk's training sessions from the Essex Association of Local Councils. 30<sup>th</sup> September – Law & Procedures Course, 16<sup>th</sup> October – Roles & Responsibilities and 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Council Finance.

**The Clerk was in receipt of the following:**

Essex Replacement Minerals Local Plan Inspector's Report – circulated

National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Newsletter summer 2014 - circulated

Rural Community Council of Essex Annual Review 2013/14

Notification of Essex Community Foundation Grants available to support local voluntary organisations – circulated

Programme Update from Superfast Essex re the BDUK fibre broadband rollout in the county – circulated

Making the Links Essex Parish Partnership Monthly bulletin – circulated

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