

Clerk's Report – 15th January 2018 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: All grounds maintenance as per contract. Overgrowth around various FP finger posts had been cleared. Damaged traffic island bollard repaired. Overgrowth cleared along Paddocks to Colne Road footpath. Salt bins replenished from stocks held. Footpaths gritted on 11th and 12th December.

Village sign flower bed: Neil Haswell had kindly agreed to plant winter and spring bedding for 2017/18 at a cost of £79. Winter bedding planted.

BDC Channel Sweeping: Dates for channel sweeping in the parish advertised on website and via parish magazine. Dates: Friday 13th April, Tuesday 17th July and Wednesday 17th October. Email csc@braintree.gov.uk if you are aware of any areas of highway in particular need of attention.

Mount Bures footpath: Mount Bures Parish Council suggested that the newly adopted footpath could be named rather than just allocated a number. Clerk following up the matter with Mount Bures Parish Council Clerk.

Dogs: Following an incident on the sportsground the Clerk had contacted both Suffolk Police and the Braintree District Dog Warden. A CPW had been issued on the owner and the dog to be muzzled whenever in public.

Ferriers Barn direction sign: The Manager of Ferriers Barn had approached the Clerk to see whether the parish council could arrange for a direction sign to be placed on Station Hill to direct traffic to the Barn via Colne Road rather than via the Bridal Way. Clerk investigating.

Inventory for Unmetered Supplies: The Clerk had written to UK Power Networks to confirm that there had been no change in the inventory of parish lights. UK Power Networks had confirmed inventory correct.

Damaged footbridge at Cambridge Brook: A tree had fallen and damaged one of the handrails. Landowner had cleared the tree debris. Damaged handrail reported to ECC Ref: 2548061.

Damaged drain cover: The damaged drain cover at Station Hill had been reported Ref 2541392 but this issue had been considered low priority and would be monitored.

Street light reports: Lamps 13 and 15 Colchester Road reported and ECC working to identify how to be repaired. Lamps 4, 5 and 9 Normandie Way reported and ECC working to identify how to be repaired.

Parking of an agricultural vehicle: The issue of the parking of an agricultural vehicle had been referred to the District Councillor who had confirmed that the matter was a civil matter between the complainant and the owner of the vehicle.

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

Funding Bulletin November 2017 detailing grants available throughout Essex.

Details of the Essex Energy Switch initiative – leaflets circulated in parish and details can be found on www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch

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