

Clerk's Report – 17th July 2017 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: All grounds maintenance as per contract. Fence panel along Millennium footpath repaired. The two damaged willow trees had been reported to James Webber. Vegetation overgrowth cleared from around 30mph and parish signs. Signs at Colne Road and Hornes Green reported to ECC for repair. Dog waste bins cleaned. Benches at Essex Knoll and Normandie Way cleaned. Weeds sprayed at bus shelters. Weeds cleared along Water Lane.

Works pending: John Doe to cut the Colchester Road hedge. Cutting back of overgrowth along The Paddocks footpath and tree branches obscuring light.

Website: The Clerk had updated the Bures One Suffolk website with current papers and audit information. Community Action Suffolk advised that it was continuing to progress the upgrade of the Silverstripe version currently used on the website.

Dog issues: The Clerk had forwarded the recent complaints of nuisance dogs to the BDC Dog Warden who was currently following up with the complainants. Mark Carlo had requested that any complainants should contact his office to enable him to maintain a record and build up a picture of activity. Following further complaints of dog fouling the magazine editor had kindly added a short feature to highlight the problem again.

Dedication of Footpath at Mount Bures: The Clerk was in receipt of notification of the Dedication of the new public ROW by a Statement of Adoption dated 19th May 2017. Copy of the Statement of Adoption and Plan available to view at the Chelmsford Public Library.

Open Spaces Action Plan 2017: The final version of the BDC OSAP 2017 had been adopted and available to view online at

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/downloads/download/701/open_spaces_action_plan

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): The Clerk was in receipt of the 12 checklist steps to prepare for the GDPR which apply from 25th May 2018. BDC still to confirm the inclusion of parish councils in the pending regulations.

Accident at Colchester Road: There had been an accident at the new junction layout at Colchester Road. A local motorcyclist had struck the concrete section suffering minor injuries.

Opening of Accessible Garden at Ferriers Barn: On behalf of the parish council, Cllr Welch had attended the opening of the Accessible Garden on 21st June.

Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Forum 2017: The Chairman and Clerk had attended the Forum on 16th June at Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh. Speakers: Lord Gardiner, Parliamentary Undersecretary of State of Defra, Prof Jules Pretty OBE, Howard Davies CEO of National Association for AONBs.

Braintree Association of Local Councils: The Chairman and Clerk had agreed to attend the AGM on 31st July at Causeway House.

Training – The Clerk had circulated the Calendar of EALC Training Events for 2017 to all members. Cllr Welch and the Clerk to attend the Financial Regulations Briefing on 22nd July. Cllr Kennett had attended the Role of a Councillor Briefing on 24th June. He had also agreed to attend the Councillor Training Days in November. A Planning Briefing to be held on 8th August. All events held at Great Dunmow. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to attend any further training events.

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

A map of Bures Hamlet showing the conservation area, village envelope and flood zones. Inspector's Report – ECC and Southend on Sea Borough Council Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan – available to view online at www.essex.gov.uk/WLP

Community 360 Newslink Supporting Local Voluntary Action E Bulletins June & July

Notification of road closure at Colne Road on 21st August for 3 days – available online at

<https://roadworks.org?tm=164360>

AONB June Monthly update

Information on registration of private pumping stations with Anglian Water advertised

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