

17th November 2014 Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Clerk's Report

Grounds maintenance: All grass cutting completed as per maintenance agreement. The weedkilled nettles along fence line at Millennium footpath had been kindly cleared by Colin and Ruth Lorking. The Clerk had sent the parish council's appreciation. John Doe had flailed Colchester Road hedge top and roadside overhang. Chris Mortimer had cut and tidied the Colchester Road grass verge. Clerk had requested a quotation from Chris Mortimer to cut back the tree overhang along The Paddocks to Normandie Way footpath as this obscured the parish light. Still waiting on a quotation.

Autumn litter pick: This had been completed by Chris Mortimer. The downfall of leaves throughout the parish to be cleared during November.

Damaged willow tree along Millennium footpath: The Clerk had discussed the damage with landowner James Webber and agreed for Richard Fordham to remove the tree if necessary. Tree now removed and the Clerk had thanked Richard for his speedy response to the matter.

Diesel leak at The Paddocks: The Clerk had reported the problem to Essex Highways as the continuing leakage from a vehicle was now deteriorating the highway and removing the top dressing. Cllr Shelton and Cllr Finch had been made aware of the problem.

Bridge inspections: Jonathan Lewis, contracted Inspector for Suffolk County Council had advised that they were well behind with the scheduled inspections of the road bridge and the Millennium footbridge. Preliminary inspections would be completed first with access via the sportsground to the river.

Parish lights: Following the annual maintenance programme three of the parish lights had required a second visit from A & J Lighting. All lights now working.

Damaged street sign: The Clerk had reported the damaged street sign at the Lamarsh Hill bungalows to Greenfields Housing. Waiting on confirmation of their responsibility for its repair.

Bridge Stores: The Clerk had sent a letter of support to Ms Fyzool from both parish councils following concerns raised of the possible closure of the business in Bridge Street.

Training: The Chairman and Clerk had agreed to attend the Exclusive Rights of Burials Course to be held Tuesday 9th December at Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow.

Letter of thanks: A letter of thanks had been received from Mike and Jo Roche of Bridge Street for all the recent efforts by the two parish councils to try and ensure Bures remained an active and thriving community. The Clerk had circulated to all members.

The Clerk was in receipt of the following:

Mrs Jenny Wright
Parish Clerk