

Clerk's Report – 20th March 2017 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Grounds maintenance: Works completed: Waste bins emptied as required. Gutters and paths swept at station, Station Hill, Water Lane, under the railway bridge to The Maltings and outside Swan PH area. Colchester Road litter picked. Damaged tree branch along Millennium footpath removed. Overgrowth obscuring the warning signs at the railway bridge plus brambles cut back. Safety bollards at Bridge Street cleaned.

Joint parish litterpick – A joint annual parish litterpick had been arranged for Saturday 1st April from 10am to 12noon. Advertised and materials for the event arranged via Babergh District Council. Willing volunteers to meet at the War Memorial just before 10am.

Network Rail – The Clerk had confirmed to Network Rail that copies of documentation regarding the closure or change of use of approximately 130 level crossings in the Anglia area could be sent to the parish council electronically. Documentation to be received by the 31st March 2017.

Superfast Essex – Improvements had been made to the interactive rollout map at www.superfastessex.org/maps and for any queries or feedback go to www.superfastessex.org/contactus

Details of Phase 3 circulated. To find out if your property is one of those eligible for inclusion in Phase 3 go to www.superfastessex.org/whats happening next

Bridge Street road-bridge – Suffolk Highways are planning to undertake major maintenance works to the road bridge on the field side and are scheduled to close the road for 6 weeks during 2018. Dates still to be agreed but the works will be scheduled to not clash with any major local events.

Training – The Clerk had circulated the Calendar of EALC Training Events for 2017 to all members. Please contact the Clerk if any events are of interest.

Open Space Action Plan Update 2017 – The Clerk had forwarded amendments to the plan and confirmation received from Anna Webster of BDC.

Data protection registration – Confirmation of the Data Protection Registration renewal and the entry details had been received from the Information Commissioner's Office.
Annual cost - £35.

Lamp bollard – The lamp bollard along the Paddocks footpath had been repaired – new photocell, re-plumbed and concreted in after the underground electricity works – cost £144.75.

Nextdoor/Streetlife – The Clerk had signed up to Nextdoor, a private social network for Bures Hamlet. This network to replace Streetlife which had been running for a few years. All residents welcome to sign up online.

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

Details of the GR33 Morelock Speed Feedback Sign model and costs

BDC E-Bulletins January and February – including details of Awards for All and Essex Community Foundation grants

Details of Bags of Help – Tesco's local community grant scheme for physical improvements to open spaces

Minutes of the DaRT 3 Working Group held at Halstead on 6th February– Cllr Welch attended AONB Monthly updates for January and February

Details of the RCCE 2017 Essex Village of the Year competition – closing date for applications 7th April 2017

Making the Links March edition including details of the Community Flood Improvement Fund grant

Details of changes to the services of Braintree, Halstead & Witham Citizens Advice

