

23rd September 2013 Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Clerk's Report

Grounds maintenance: All waste bins had been emptied and dog waste bins checked and emptied as necessary. All grasscutting and strimming completed as per contractor's agreement under BDC and Greenfields. Footpath from Colne Road to The Paddocks had been cleared and hedge cut back. Bridge Street and Station Hill had been swept plus the roadbridge.

Village sign flower bed: Neil Haswell has been reimbursed £42 for the cost of bedding plants. Cllr Ryman will liaise with Neil for the autumn bedding plants to be purchased from the Horticultural Society. Neil has advised that the flower bed requires new composting this autumn.

Landing stage notice: Mr Hugh Turner had kindly refixed the sign back in place when he noticed it was loose on the grass bank. The Clerk has thanked him for doing this.

Webbers Field: James Webber had contacted the Clerk to discuss the field. He advised that access across the field would need to be stopped as the field is to be ploughed and re-seeded in line with government agricultural ruling. James also advised that the willows along the riverbank would be harvested within the next 18 months but the trees would be replaced. The Clerk assured him that there were now sufficient benches along the riverbank.

Cars for sale: The Clerk had reported the cars for sale on the grass verges along Colchester Road and 'polite notices' had been placed on the vehicles.

Station Hill hedge: The Clerk had been requested to write to the relevant owners to cut back.

Street Lighting midnight switch off: The switch off had commenced on the 1st September and Essex County Council had confirmed to the Clerk that only lights under their ownership would be affected.

Proposed AONB Boundary Review: The Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project welcomed correspondence from the parish council for support in principle for an extension to the existing Dedham Vale AONB. The Clerk had sent the parish council's support.

Superfast Broadband: The Clerk had advertised the Braintree District Council campaign and was linked on the website.

Refuse and Recycling collections: Braintree District Council advised that there were to be some changes to the collection services commencing 30th September and all those properties to be affected had been written to.

Scout HQ extension grand opening: This had been held on 15th September at the Scout Headquarters at The Croft. Although poor weather it had been well attended.

The Clerk was in receipt of the following:

Details of 2 RCCE sessions to be held in October to gain information about the different renewable technologies

Details of the Government's launch to commemorate the Centenary of WW1

Information on the Active Essex programme of training course for those interested in being a sports coach

National Grid revised Substation Consultation Feedback report

Braintree District Council Mi Community scheme for investment in local community projects

Dedham Vale Society booklet Summer 2013

Leaflets on RCCE Oil Buying Scheme

Information on the Post Office Community Enterprise Fund

BDC Economic Development Prospectus Consultation 2013-2016

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