

24th March 2014 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. Weed killing done at Station Hill. Sweeping done at Station Hill and the Station.

Development of a Local Heritage List: BDC had asked the parish council to consider whether there was a value and community interest in the development of a Local Heritage List. The Clerk had advertised and Mr Hugh Turner had agreed for his name to be put forward as being interested in being part of local group that could identify potential heritage assets in the parish.

Role of Village History Recorder: Details of this role and the need for a Recorder for the parish was circulated and advertised.

Greenfields Housing Inspections: Next area inspection for Bures Hamlet would be held on 15th July at Lamarsh Hill bungalows at 1pm. All invited to attend.

Braintree District Allotments: Information on allotments in the district was being compiled by BDC. The Clerk had submitted the following information: 40 allotments at Lamarsh Hill with none on a waiting list and 25 allotments at The Croft with 4 on a waiting list.

BDC Task & Finish Group re Rural Communication: The parish council had been asked in what ways can BDC improve its communication with the parish council and its residents. The Clerk had forwarded the members responses.

Parish Council Registers of Interests: At the request of the BDC Monitoring Officer, the Clerk had included a Link on the Bures Hamlet Parish Council website to enable the members Registers of Interests to be accessed in accordance with policy.

125th Anniversary of Essex County Council: ECC Chairman Cllr Twitchen was marking the 125th anniversary with a Choral Evensong on 30th March 2014. Parish Council Chairman and guest invited.

Bures Hamlet Electoral Register 2013/14: The Clerk had received the register and signed to confirm usage and access would be strictly controlled to ensure the confidentiality of the data.

Chris Mortimer Grounds Maintenance: The Clerk had duly signed the Duty of Care Annual Waste Transfer Note and a copy would remain on file.

The Clerk was in receipt of the following:

Notification of Essex County Council Replacement Minerals Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications – circulated and advertised

Details of Essex County Council initiative Essex Energy Switch – circulated

Details of Essex County Council Community energy Seminar to be held on 25th March at Essex Record Office – circulated

Details on the Braintree District Active Citizens Scheme – circulated

Details of Braintree District Councils print and graphic services - circulated

Notification of improvement works at Galleys Corner roundabout A120 - circulated

Information on Essex Community Foundation grants - circulated

Information on sports and physical activities can be accessed via 'Active Braintree District Network' <http://www.activeessex.org/active-braintree>

Details of Essex County Council Minerals and Waste Planning team's new website – all consultations on minerals, waste and county council applications to be carried out electronically from February 2014 at www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning

Details on Grow Wild Community Sites funding – grants available between £500 and £5000 for planting and sowing native wild flowers, native plants and/or trees within the community to create a previously neglected space for all to enjoy

Details of Greenfields Community Housing Free chair-based exercise classes

River Stour Trust Lock Lintel Issue 2013/14

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