

Clerk's Report – 14.03.2022 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Works completed: All grounds maintenance completed as per contract. Contractor to strim and weed pull as an alternative to use of Glyphosate for the time being. Weed removal at various locations in the parish ongoing. Sweeping in main centre of parish ongoing. Leaffall clearance ongoing. Village road sign cleaning in hand. Bulbs planted at various locations. Colchester Road tree storm damage cleared. Fallen tree across Cambridge Brook kindly cleared by Mount Bures Parish Council. 10 rotten posts along the left hand side of the Millennium footpath repaired. Normandie Way playarea sign and damaged grass area repaired.

Highways Devolution: Quarterly reports being completed when requested. £1,000 grant received from ECC for 2021 to meet costs of maintenance works via the Devolution Scheme.

Items reported on Highways reporting tool: Seepage from drain cover at Lamarsh Hill – Ref 2747503 – ECC to monitor. Damaged drain cover at Hornes Green – Ref 2747504 - ECC following up. Pothole at Bridge Street – Ref 2767135 – ECC assessing. Station Hill pothole - Ref 2759341 – ECC monitoring. Damaged sign at junction of Pebmarsh Road and Fishpits – Ref 2762026 – ECC following up.

Ferriers Lane: Sewerage spillage from the Smallholding reported to EA - Ref 20296641.

Footpath 21, Mount Bures: Notification of Footpath 21 Closure scheduled to commence 18th March 2022 to 31st August 2022 for the repair of the embankment to the railway crossing, which has resulted in dangerous underfoot conditions.

Footpath to rear of Tenter Field: A created access point leading from the railway to the private path at Tenter Field, by-passing the stile has been reported to Network Rail.

BDC Anti-Litter signs trial: Anti-litter signs to be installed along strategic roads and link roads in BDC. Clerk has submitted the Colne Road layby to be considered for the next programme of locations.

Recycling sacks: The Clerk holds a stock of recycling sacks enabling local residents to collect a single roll of recycling sacks if they run out before the BDC annual delivery to all residents. Clerk has advertised and residents have welcomed the initiative.

Community Information Session: Community event organised by BDC for Tuesday 22nd March at 10.30am to 12.30pm at Bures Common, Linked with Essex Police, ECC, BDC, LiveWell and many more organisations.

Possessory Title - Essex Knowle: From the 5th November 2021 the parish council may apply to upgrade the Possessory Title to Freehold Title for the Essex Knowle. Clerk following up with Wayman and Long Solicitors.

Bures Breakfast: Members have agreed to extend the time for the 1st Sunday of the month Bures Breakfast at Essex Knowle to 12 noon.

Food trading at Essex Knowle: 2 food vans currently trade at Essex Knowle during agreed times with the parish council. A third trader submitted an application to BDC. Licensing Officer following up as times not inline with parish council recommendation.

Training: The training record has been updated and can be found on the parish council website. Cllr Ellis attending a 7 module course on Climate Crisis during 2021-22. The EALC training calendar 2022 received. Cllr Shackell attended the Climate Crisis Conference delivered by EALC on Zoom.

BDC Supporting Communities meetings: Clerk has been attending these virtual meetings with other parish clerks and BDC Officers during the past year. Varying topics covered and the meetings allow Clerks to maintain good contact with Officers.

BDC Chief Executive: Andy Wright, Chief Executive to Braintree District Council is stepping down from his role after 5 years. The Leader of the Council expressed appreciation and wished Andy well for the future.

Pensions Regulator: The Clerk has re-declared Bures Hamlet Parish Council with the Pensions Regulator under the Pensions Act 2008 for Employers Duties.

Snippets page: This has recommenced with a snippet page included in future parish magazines. The magazine Editor encourages the parish council to submit articles of interest.

Government guidance on Coronavirus: All information received has been circulated as widely as possible.

NHW: The Clerk continues to circulate NHW newsletters via her emailing list. Essex Police newsletters advertised on the parish council website.

Messages of interest via Cllr Schwier – all circulated, advertised and details held on file:

ECC dedicated Facebook page launch for residents to support humanitarian aid for Ukraine
ECC Safety Advisory Group initiative – Firebreak 5 day course aiming to engage directly with young people aged 13 to 17 to address public safety issues

ECC Essex Carers All Age Strategy 2022-26 Commitments

Information on new booking system for vans at recycling centres across Essex

Details for Essex residents to register for Solar Together

New national rules to improve safety of people walking and cycling on Essex roads came into force on 29th January

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

Latest Covid guidance – Living with Covid

Gallagher insurance information for parish councils taking on an event.

National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement Project – consultation details

Details of CloudyIT supporting local councils with digitally levelling up

Details of the BDC Minerals Local Plan engagement Policy S6 amendments

Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme

Public consultation on its response to the Glover Landscapes Review – GLEAM campaign to protect green lands from the danger, difficulty and inconvenience caused by recreational motor vehicles

Grant funds available via the Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley

Bus Network Review Public Survey

RCCE Essex Warbler

LTN 13 Policing Your Area

LTN 28 Charity Law

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