

Clerk's Report – 14th September 2020 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Works completed: All grounds maintenance completed as per contract. Normandie Way bench re-varnished. Bench at Essex Knoll given a coat of preservative. 2 benches along riverbank re-varnished. Millennium footpath fence rails repaired. Bus shelters cleaned. Waste bin at Knoll repaired. JPB investigating weed spray options. Weed removal in hand at various locations in the parish. Branch removed from tree at the Knoll. Carrier bag dispenser installed along Millennium footpath. Cllr Baker maintaining a supply of carrier bags. Contractor to do general sweeping in main centre of parish.

Waste: The Clerk had returned the transfer note duly signed for the waste collected via the Trade Waste bin at Bures Common. BDC had agreed to empty the Trade Waste bin at Essex Knoll fortnightly instead of monthly owing to the increase in waste generated.

Extra waste bin: An extra Everglade waste bin ordered to be installed on riverbank near Millennium footbridge. Delay with delivery – due date mid October.

Sandbags: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had given approval for 50 sandbags to be purchased again for this coming winter. Approximate costs £200. Clerk had followed up with the contractor.

Kerb and drains: Several damaged kerbs and broken drains in Normandie Way had been reported.

Millennium gate and advisory notices: Signs to encourage visitors to close the gate for safety reasons have been ordered plus 3 signs advising no entry into the cow field. The safety grid has been reinstated on the Millennium footpath gate. **Should a further section be fixed to the bottom of the gate? Members to agree.**

Bridge sign: Road restriction sign at Station Hill reported as loose.

Highways Devolution Quarterly report: The March to May quarterly report had been completed and returned to ECC.

Lamarsh Hill drain: The drain has been reported as blocked Ref 2669303.

Willow tree: A second damaged willow tree along Millennium footpath cleared by Richard Fordham.

Funding Grants update: NALC Funding Bulletin circulated and information held on file. Details of other grants available – BDC Councillors Community Grant, National Lottery Community Fund, Essex Coronavirus Response and Recovery Programme, Magic Little Grants, ECC Community Initiative Fund (CIF) 2020.

Manhole cover: The damaged manhole cover at Lamarsh Hill had been reported to ECC. Ref 2634191. Referred again to ECC and has been assessed and repairs pending.

Training: The training record had been updated and can be found on the parish council website.

Snippets page: This had recommenced and there would be a snippet page in the October parish magazine.

Government guidance on Coronavirus: All information received has been circulated as widely as possible. Information on how to get laptops and tablets for children who cannot attend school due to Covid-19 circulated.

Vulnerable persons: The Clerk had made all members aware that an Emergency Plan and a Vulnerable Persons plan were held as Case Sensitive for when emergency action was required within the village. The Vulnerable Persons plan was now active during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Emergency Plan had been updated and forwarded to BDC.

NHW: The Clerk continued to circulate NHW newsletters via her emailing list. Cyber & Fraud Protect messages advertised on the facebook pages. Information on human trafficking and modern slavery circulated and advertised.

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

Essex Highways Highlights August edition

AONB Monthly update July & August

Government Consultations – Current Planning Policy and The Planning White Paper both circulated.

Information on Local Affordable/Community Led Housing via RCCE

Information on the Housing Needs Survey Process via RCCE

Notification of the EALC AGM 24th September 2020

Information on the ECC Essex Forest Initiative to plant 375,000 trees across Essex.

Information on Dedham Vale AONB National Landscapes and Source to Sea Litter Quest

Information on Dedham Vale of Outstanding Natural Beauty Nature Recovery Plan survey

Information on Essex Honours initiative by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex

Mount Bures list of road closures for September and October.

Mount Bures Road Closures			
Date	Road	Days Closed	Link
15-Sep-20	Pear Tree Hill	18 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587266
12-Aug-20	Fordham Road	7 days	https://one.network/?tm=117556663
14-Jul-20	Dowling Road	14 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587299
22-Oct-20	Hall Road	7 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587387
09-Oct-20	Takeleys	14 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587333
05-Oct-20	Dowling Road	5 days	https://one.network/?tm=117587299

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