

Clerk's Report – 23.05.2022 - Bures Hamlet Parish Council

Works completed: All grounds maintenance completed as per contract. Contractor to trim 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. Normandie Way no dog sign damaged again. Agreed to remove and not repair. Fence rails repaired along the Millennium footpath. The Paddocks footpath to be tidied. Station Hill bollard repaired. Parish Council still to agree to varnish the bus shelters. Dog waste bin for Jubilee Grove to be erected.

Highways Devolution: Quarterly reports being completed when requested. Waiting on £1,000 grant from ECC for 2022 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 to continue to monitor. Station Hill pothole - Ref 2759341 – repaired. Damaged sign at junction of Pebmarsh Road and Fishpits – Ref 2762026 – ECC following up. Kerb opposite New Cut reported – Ref 2770305.

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.

Grounds Maintenance Agreements: Both agreements with BDC and Eastlight completed and grants received.

BDC Anti-Litter signs trial: Anti-litter signs to be installed along strategic roads and link roads in BDC. Clerk submitted the Colne Road layby to be considered and this has been agreed to be included in the programme.

Rural Verge Cutting: BDC and ECC have agreed to maintain a single full width cut each autumn of rural verges across the Braintree District for the next three years. Safety cuts can be requested to BDC.

BDC Re-wilding: BDC asks the parish councils to nominate areas of land for re-wilding. This initiative is for land owned and maintained by BDC which would benefit from re-wilding.

Funded Pond Conservation Project: The project is being delivered on behalf of Natural England giving funds to restore old ponds and dig new ponds in certain parts of Essex. Parts of Bures Hamlet parish qualifies for funding. Possible suggestion – Jubilee Grove.

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 Resilience Response: The Clerk has completed a Parish Survey regarding Parish/Town Emergency responses following Storm Eunice. The parish holds a Joint Emergency Plan with Bures St Mary.

Loneliness Week: The C360 Roadshow has been arranged to visit Bures on June 16th at 11.30am at the Common in support of Loneliness Week. Advertising in hand. This will be an information event showcasing services available in the area.

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.

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.

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.

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:

Essex Wellbeing Service update – residents can refer into the service via 0300 303 9988 or email provide.essexwellbeing@nhs.net

ECC Community Challenge Fund

Recycling centres and waste transfer stations across Essex to be operated directly by ECC

ECC Household Support Fund – grant allocation

Homes for Ukraine update 29.04.22

5,000 green skills job opportunities for residents across Essex

ECC Four Year Vision for Essex Libraries

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

ECC Food Support Fund grant to assist organisations to support those most in need

Deadline information for submitting a Temporary Events Notice for the Queen's Jubilee

Braintree Association of Local Councils Newsletter 3

Details of EALC Annual General Meeting – Thursday 22nd September 2022 at Hylands Grand Pavilion

Essex Explorer magazines

NALC General Briefing -22 /Ukraine

Details of new BDC Chairman 2022-23 – Cllr Andrew Hensman

Mrs Jenny Wright

Clerk to Bures Hamlet Parish Council