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Clerk's Report

1. I have attended the following external meetings –

- 21st July 2022 – developer consultation event in Great Leighs village hall
- 21st July 2022 = Braintree District Council Clerk's meeting

2. Braintree District Council (BDC) mistakenly removed 2 of the commercial bins, however they have now been returned and the area has been generally tidied up with some old unused wheely bins removed.
3. The licence for the Christmas Tree has now been completed with BDC. The outcome of the grant application to purchase new trees from the BDC Councillor fund is awaited.
4. I have submitted the application for Quality Award in the Local Council Awards scheme which has been acknowledged and will advise as soon as the outcome is known.
5. I have been advised that Digigo is considering extending its area of operations so that the Chelmsford rural and Braintree areas may be merged.
6. A problem arose with the Community Centre defibrillator where the 999 service declined to provide the code. I have therefore checked that the Parish Council defibrillator is still correctly registered with the ambulance service and have received confirmation that all is in order.
7. There has been a spate of graffiti in play areas and on street furniture all of which has been reported and removed by BDC. I have also alerted the Police who will be looking at the 'tags' to see if they are from known offenders. They are happy to speak further if the problem persists.
8. The NGCA has taken back the stocks from the unit and is now storing them.
9. Finally, I am listing some matters where no action is required by the Parish Council but where a response is awaited from others.

Issue	First raised
Transfer of land between developers and Braintree District Council – <i>agreement reached between BDC and Countryside Properties regarding land to be transferred and commuted sum. Only outstanding issue is the future of the Unity Hand sculpture</i>	May 2012
Parish Council application for a 'warning pedestrians sign on A131 adjacent to Astronomer pub – the entire issue of a crossing and signage is being reviewed by Essex County Council.	January 2015
Tree Strategy for the Parish – await Braintree District Council tree officer	July 2019
Application for 20mph speed limit within White Court section of the Parish – as Parish Council request was rejected, Councillor Butland has submitted a further application – response awaited from LHP.	July 2020
Complaints in relation to light pollution at the Gridserve site – BDC is seeking a report from and independent lighting expert and planning condition remains unresolved.	February 2021
Information from BDC regarding Electric Vehicle feasibility study – expected in July 2022	November 2021
Police liaison patrol in Parish – awaiting details from local Police and they expect to be able to sort out a visit in September 2022	March 2022
Consent for Memorial tree – await consent from Essex County Council	June 2022

Grant application for trees – await response from Councillors grant fund officer at BDC	June 2022
Local Highway Panel application to reduce speed on A131 – application submitted and awaiting response from LHP	June 2022
Local Highway Panel application for tactile paving at Bridge End Lane – application submitted and awaiting response from LHP	June 2022
Potholes repair programme – Councillor Butland has confirmed the nominated potholes have been submitted and indeed work is now scheduled for those in Hidcote Way.	June 2022

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30th August 2022