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Clerk's Report

1. The deep clean of hedges was delayed by the weather but was carried out early in January.
2. Following further complaints from residents about wet leaves on paths, Braintree District Council (BDC) agreed to remove them. The work was carried out early in February but one resident was not satisfied so I referred her direct to BDC.
3. Residents have complained about an HGV parked in the bus stop by the GP surgery overnight for a number of evenings now. As it is within the area protected by double yellow lines, I have referred the matter to the North Essex Parking Partnership.
4. A complaint was received from a resident regarding substantial littering in and around a pond on pathway 26. As the litter team are not risk assessed to work in the pond I referred the issue to BDC who have agreed to tidy the area although their operatives are also subject to certain restrictions in working around water. The resident was not happy with that response but the situation can be assessed further once the work has been carried out.
5. Community 360 attended the Church warm space coffee morning on 31st January 2023.
6. The work to the tree in the Levens Way play area was carried out on 27th January.
7. As a result of residents' complaints I referred the issue of a number of streetlights that have been reported as faulty which have still not been repaired to County Councillor Butland. Essex County Council advised that as an LED upgrade was imminent repairs would not be undertaken in the meantime. The LED upgrade is progressing around the village but I am now receiving complaint that the new lights are not turning off at night. I have raised this with Councillor Butland and await a response.
8. The application for warning pedestrian Signs on the A131 on the lead up to the Panner's roundabout now appears in the list of schemes where funding has been agreed with an estimate that the work will be carried out in the final quarter of the financial year.
9. Further to Councillor Butland's liaison with the District Council and Police a dispersal order was issued in relation to car racing along the A131 for the weekend of 14th January. However, residents report that the issue continues.
10. Zoom has advised that there will be a price increase of £1 a month for all packages.
11. I have received a number of complaints regarding work being carried out by Gigaclear in the White Court section of the Parish. I was able to resolve most by referring them to the information page on the Parish Council website and resolved a third by speaking to the Community officer who apologised for a path at Ullswater Close being blocked with no signage which appears to be resolved now.
12. Regarding the application for tactile paving at the Panner's entrance to the village there is a recommendation for the following works to be carried out subject to funding being allocated - *Installation of tactile paving, visibility improvements and replacement of the barrier with a bollard is investigated as a package of works for detailed design and works commission. Estimated funding £16,000.00*
13. I again referred a resident's complaint regarding the untidy state of the bin area next to the Ellen Way post office to Braintree District Council who are looking into the matter.

14. 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 – Signage recommended for funding in financial year 2022 – 2023 at an estimated cost of £5,000	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 –feasibility to be undertaken and current listed in the ‘awaiting funding’ list of the LHP.	July 2020
Local Highway Panel application for tactile paving at Bridge End Lane – Installation of tactile paving, visibility improvements and replacement of the barrier with a bollard is investigated as a package of works for detailed design and works commission. Estimated funding £16,000.00	June 2022
Rewilding scheme – await more information from BDC in 2023/4	October 2022
Tree Warden – voluntary position continues to be advertised	September 2022
Report on electric vehicles – awaited from Braintree District Council	October 2022

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