APPENDIX A

Highways report for July 2016 Parish Council meeting

* AD and EG met with two representatives from Highways, one of whom was their chief engineer, Sashi.
* We discussed the 3 areas that flood in some detail, plus the problem with the overflowing drain at the entrance to Bradley Common.
* The area by the Club field was inspected, plus the Village Hall.
* Highways confirmed that a jetting crew would be sent to clear these drains as soon as possible, along with the drain at Bradley Common.
* Jetting crew arrived on June 24.
* Jetted drains by hall and alongside sports field where a second one was found which runs diagonally from the drain in the kerb into the ditch. This was submerged. Sashi was in attendance.
* The ditch needs clearing completely and made deeper than at present.
* Jetting crew would return to re-jet once this had been done.
* They lifted the drain cover at Bradley Common and saw a large broken pipe, which will be removed. The source of this pipe is not known.
* They ran out of time and water so did not get to the flood area between Duck End and the ambulance station. They will do this when they return to jet the area alongside the sports field.
* AD was in attendance at various times at the 3 sites visited by the jetting crew.

Note: AD met Peter Booker (PB), Birchanger Social Club chairman, and explained what was needed to be done with regard to the ditch. PB has since confirmed that a quotation has been accepted to carry out the necessary work and once this has been done he will notify AD so we can request the jetters return.