

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.15 pm on Monday **15th February 2010** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Councillor A Sosin chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors A Sosin, K Ronaldson, Mrs J Sosin, Mrs C Shaw, Mrs A Martin, Mrs M Miller and T Miller

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

647/09 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence as all members of the committee were present

648/09 Declarations of Interests

There was a declaration of a personal interest in item 7653/09 by Cllr Mrs A Martin

649/09 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present

650/09 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th October 2009 were proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr K Ronaldson and signed as a true record.

651/09 Clerk's Report

1. Seat and Litterbin on Tabors Hill

Following some confusion on the part of the Essex County Council Highways Department about the seat and litterbin at Tabors Hill, an e.mail has been received suggesting that such street furniture be placed on the shrub bed rather than the pavement. Contact has been made with the owners of this land and replies are awaited.

2. Bus Shelter Outside the Doctor's Surgery

A meeting has been held with Essex County Council Highways about the siting of a shelter and verbal permission has been given. Written confirmation of this will be sought. The office will now undertake consultation with the neighbours.

3. Street Lighting proposals from Essex County Council

Information on this matter is still awaited.

4. Street Lighting in the Meadgate Area

This matter is being taken forward by members of the Great Baddow Community Action Group.

652/09 Update Reports on the following issues:

1. Fingerpost on the green area O/S The White Horse PH

The letter received from Essex County Council about the Council's request suggests that the County Council thinks that the Parish Council wants to install a vehicular directional sign, e.g. directing people to adjacent villages etc. A letter has been sent clarifying that it is actually more of a pedestrian sign, directing people to areas of interest within the village. Photographs of the Council's preferred signs have been included. A reply is awaited.

2. **ECC Highways CIF Application**
As reported to Council in January 2010, the application to the CIF Fund for a pedestrian refuge in the Causeway has been refused. A letter was agreed by the Council meeting to be sent in reply and this will be done.
3. **Bench Outside St.Mary's Church**
The new bench has been delivered and will be installed as soon as possible. The office is making arrangements for a replacement brass plaque.
4. **Noticeboard at Hereford Court**
The Clerk has still to speak to Chelmer Housing Partnership about a new noticeboard at Hereford Court.
5. **Parking in Vicarage Lane**
The Clerk has yet to make contact with Adam Pipe.
6. **Meeting with ECC Highways**
This meeting mentioned under item 437/09 has yet to be arranged and a suggestion was made that John Dobinson from Essex County Council Highways should be approached.

653/09 **Essex County Council Localism Scheme Selection**

The Clerk reminded the committee that Essex County Council would not be requesting further scheme suggestions under this process until August/September 2011. The committee discussed three requests that had been received.

- Letter from A Butler requesting a Salt/Grit Box in Honey Close. The committee agreed that the request should not be granted because it would be very difficult in the future for the Council to allocate priorities to the high number of requests that would be received. The Clerk told the meeting that Essex County Council would be organising a Snow Summit, to which a representative could attend. The Clerk also told the meeting that the matter of a snow policy for the Council will be on a future agenda.
- Letter from Mrs A Martin requesting footway links to the Park and Ride site at Sandon. Cllr Mrs A Martin declared a personal interest in this matter and stayed in the meeting for the discussion and the decision. The committee agreed that Essex County Council should be requested to install a pathway from the bus shelter in Maldon Road, opposite the junction with Brick Kiln Road, to the Park and Ride to accommodate the people returning by bus to the site after 7.00 pm. The Clerk was asked to write to Sandon Parish Council with a copy of the request and to copy the correspondence to Cllr Mrs A Martin.
- Letter from Mrs Y Goodall requesting measures to be taken relating to delivery lorries in Westbourne Grove. The committee agreed that the Clerk should write to Mrs Goodall, asking whether any action has been taken since her letter was written.

654/09 **Cycle Route**

Cllr A Sosin updated the meeting about what had been happening on this matter since a meeting was held in August 2009. Cllr T Miller also told the meeting about e.mail correspondence that he has been having with cycling supporters. Progress is very slow but both councillors said that they would continue to keep the Council updated.

655/09 **Dog Bins**

The Clerk told the meeting that the e-mails sent to Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the installation of dog bins in the parish had not been received by the officers concerned. Unfortunately, the e-mails had been going into the spam box but this matter has now been rectified. The Clerk will arrange a meeting as soon as possible to progress the matter.

656/09 Rothmans Avenue Entrance to the Recreation Ground

The Clerk told the meeting that Chelmsford Borough Council had confirmed in November 2009 that Affinity Sutton were intending to offer the new roadway and pathways for adoption. The Clerk had recently e.mailed the Borough Council for an update and is awaiting a reply.

657/09 Matters for Information

- Cllr A Sosin reported that he had been approached before the meeting by Mr Bob Clarke, who was enquiring as to whether correspondence had been received from Mr John Hammond relating to the Cycle Route. Cllr A Sosin confirmed that it had.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed.....Chairman..... Date