

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.19 pm on **15th June 2009** 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 M Miller and T Miller

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

141/09 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs A Martin

142/09 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests

143/09 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present

144/09 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th February 2009 were signed as a true record, with the following amendment in item 592/08, line 1, change "the Highways department" to "County Councillor Maureen Miller".

145/09 Clerk's Report

1. Litter in Waterson Vale/Loftin Way

Following the February meeting, the litter pickers' schedule has been revised and they have been asked to pay particular attention to the area. Cllr A Sosin reported that he has yet to meet with Cllr W Richardson to discuss this matter.

2. Bus Shelter at the Beehive PH

The bus shelter was installed in March 2009.

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

A letter has been sent to Essex County Council to establish who owns the green area outside the White Horse PH but no reply has been received. The matter will be chased.

4. Bus Shelter in Baddow Road

The replacement shelter was installed in May 2009. Unfortunately, the wrong back panels were put in and these are to be replaced shortly. The Clerk also said that the matter of the florescent strip will be addressed.

5. Parking in Vicarage Lane

The Clerk has not spoken to Andrew Pipe about the parking and this will be progressed. The original complaint concerned large lorries parking in Vicarage Lane.

6. Installation of Dog Bins

The matter has not been dealt with but will be progressed.

7. Street Furniture

The Clerk has still to speak to Chelmer Housing Partnership about a new noticeboard at Hereford Court.

The seat and litterbin at Tabors Hill and the bus shelter outside the doctor's surgery were budgeted for this year. The office will seek permission from the Highways Authority, undertake consultation with the

neighbours and contact the statutory undertakers. The matter will be referred back to this committee on 19th October 2009 with the results.

8. **Seat near St. Mary's Church**

The Grounds Manager has been out and inspected the seat and has the broken armrest. The seat itself is in good condition and the armrest either needs to be repaired or the seat completely replaced. The seat will need to remain in place whilst this is being decided because its removal would leave six exposed iron brackets, which would be extremely difficult to remove. It was agreed that a repair will be undertaken.

9. **Chelmer Viaduct**

Andrew Hodgson from Savills has contacted the Clerk about the replacement of the Chelmer Viaduct. They have been trying to arrange a date to speak to Springfield Parish Council and hoped that they could combine the dates with Great Baddow. However, the dates put forward by Springfield are all Monday evenings, which are meeting dates for this Council. The 20th July 2009, prior to a planning meeting was put forward but it was agreed that a daytime meeting on 20th July should be suggested, as some members will not be available in the evening.

146/09 **Essex County Council Scheme Selection Process**

A letter had been received from Essex County Council Highways Department, explaining the new Localism Budget system. The Clerk reported that the schemes that had been decided in February had been held over because the Highways Department will be requesting them in August. It was proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr T Miller that the schemes will be submitted when requested in August 2009.

It was agreed that in future years, a preliminary list of traffic schemes that have been requested will be considered by the Highways and Amenities committee at the February meeting. This will be reviewed at the June meeting, in time to submit the outcome to the Highways Department.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department about changes to the roundabout at Chelwater, on the grounds of safety.

147/09 **Solar lighting**

A report had been circulated that contained information that had been gathered by Cllr K Ronaldson and information that had been gathered by the Administrative Assistant. After much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would make another attempt to contact E.On by e.mail about the establishment of an unmetered supply.

148/09 **ECC Works in Dorset Avenue/Duffield Road/Beehive Lane**

The Clerk had spoken to Richard Cilvert from Essex County Council Highways Authority regarding the above works. Mr Cilvert said that the works are due to commence in mid July, although no definite date has yet been given and that the first works will include the bus stops. Public consultation has taken place about the crossing in Duffield Road, although it still has to be formally advertised. Difficulties have been experienced with the Toucan crossing and it is unlikely that this will happen until at least October 2009. Mr Cilvert has confirmed that the replacement of the bus shelter outside 92 Beehive Lane is part of the developer-funded package.

With specific regard to this bus shelter and the correspondence with a local resident, it was agreed that enquiries should be made of First Essex about their enquiry into the damage at the bus stop and then this and the information from Highways should be sent to the resident.

149/09 Dog Bins

A request had been received from a resident about installing dog waste bins in the Maltings area. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will make enquiries of Chelmsford Borough Council about siting dog waste bins at two locations.

150/09 Matters for Information

- Cllr K Ronaldson told the meeting that a local resident had sent a letter of thanks to the Highways Department, following the road re-surfacing recently carried out in the village.
- Cllr Mrs M Miller said that following a notification about works at the Rothmans Avenue/Noakes Avenue junction, she had clarified that this work will also include filling in potholes in Dorset Avenue.
- Cllr Mrs M Miller said that she had been invited to attend an award ceremony at Great Baddow Fire Station last week. This was for the Chelmsford and Maldon Young Firefighters Group and she had been given a copy of a group photograph. This will be hung in the main corridor in the Parish Hall.
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw asked if Cllr Mrs M Miller could make enquiries about when the sign at Great Baddow Fire Station that was mentioned at the Village Conference might be installed.
- Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that he had reported potholes at various locations and blocked drains in the parish to the Highways Department.
- Cllr Mrs M Miller updated the meeting on a previous enquiry about Jackson Place. It has been confirmed that replacement kerbing and new bollards have been installed but that resurfacing will not be carried out. The kerbing in Rothmans Avenue is also being replaced.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.42 pm.

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