

A Meeting of the Parish Council at The Parish Hall, Great Baddow on Monday 14th July 2014

The Council met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 14th July 2014** in The Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Councillor Mrs J Sosin chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Sosin, A Sosin, Mrs C Shaw, K Liley, Mrs S Young, K Ronaldson, Mrs D Ronaldson, T Miller, Mrs M Miller, G Jarvis, J Fuller and Mrs V Sadowsky.

In Attendance: The Clerk of the Council and the Assistant Clerk

207/14 Public Announcements

Cllr Mrs J Sosin informed the meeting that the children of Baddow Hall Infants School had recently entered a recycling competition and had won a colourful recycled plastic bench for their playground. It is hoped that a photograph can be taken for possible display on the cover of the Great Baddow Times.

Cllr Mrs J Sosin reported that the Youth Drop In Centre were holding an Open Evening tonight and a number of councillors had visited the centre prior to the meeting.

208/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Hatcher

209/14 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Registered Non Pecuniary Interests.

210/14 Minutes of the Council Meeting – 9th June 2014

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th June 2014 were signed as a true statement. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

211/14 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

212/14 Clerk's Report

1. Barclays Bank Closure

The Clerk was unable to telephone Barclays Bank, about someone coming to attend a meeting, before being away from the office. Further contact will be made as soon as possible.

2. Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk was unable to contact Chelmsford City Council before being away from the office but has emailed again today to arrange a site meeting.

3. Telephone Mast

Nothing further has been received from Galloway Estates.

4. External Audit

Following the submission of further information, the Clerk was contacted again for more detailed information. This was sent and the External Auditor has now agreed that the information supplied is sufficient for the audit to proceed.

5. Bell Centre

The Clerk has contacted the developer about the problem regarding the guttering at the Bell Centre. The land has now been sold on to a new developer, who has been contacted, and will be arranging a site visit with the Clerk to assess the possibility of the guttering being repaired.

6. Planning Application – Bringey Cottage

This application is on the Chelmsford City Council Agenda for 22nd July 2014. Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson or Cllr G Jarvis will attend. Cllr T Miller will also be attending in his capacity as a city councillor.

7. Bench in Old Burial Ground

Cllr A Sosin enquired whether the applicant requesting a bench in the Old Burial Ground had been contacted. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the applicant had come into the office and been told of the decision and would be considering an alternative location for the bench.

8. Allotment Judging

Cllr A Sosin confirmed that the first round of allotment judging had taken place and that Cllrs Mrs D Ronaldson and Mrs J Sosin had attended.

213/14 Correspondence

1. Email from Chelmsford City Council regarding works at Noakes Place Ponds. The dates for the removal of surface debris from the ponds were noted. Cllr Mrs C Shaw agreed to publish these on the Parish Council's website.

214/14 Reports of the Planning Committee 16th June 2014, 23rd June 2014 and 7th July 2014

The reports of the Planning Committee of 16th June 2014, 23rd June 2014 and 7th July 2014 were presented to the Council by Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson and signed as a true statement by Cllr Mrs J Sosin.

Cllr J Fuller enquired about the result of various questions that had been raised on the Bringey Cottage application and Cllr K Ronaldson confirmed that all the correspondence was available on the City Council's Planning website.

Cllr A Sosin left the meeting at 7.48pm

Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson spoke about the width of the footpath and will propose to the City Council that a site visit should be arranged to view the path.

Cllr A Sosin returned at 7.50pm.

Cllr Mrs M Miller informed the meeting that the ward members had received details of a planning application mistakenly titled as 'Beehive Lane Catholic Primary School' and confirmed that it was an application from the school in the parish.

215/14 Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee 16th June 2014

The report of the Highways and Amenities Committee of 16th June 2014 was presented to the Council by Cllr A Sosin, proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Miller, with the following amendment: Item number 142/14, second line, a comma to be inserted after 'Cllr K Ronaldson'.

216/14 Report of the Organisation Methods and Personnel Committee 17th June 2014

The report of the Organisation Methods and Personnel Committee of 17th June 2014 was presented to the Council by Cllr Mrs J Sosin, proposed by Cllr Mrs J Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Young.

217/14 Report of the Allotments Sub Committee and Grounds Committee 23rd June 2014

The reports of the Allotments Sub Committee and Grounds Committee of 23rd June 2014 were presented to the Council by Cllr K Ronaldson, proposed by Cllr K Ronaldson and seconded by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky (for Allotments Sub Committee) and Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson (for Grounds Committee) with the following amendment to the Grounds Committee Item 185/14, first line, the word 'form' to be deleted and replaced by 'from'.

Cllr Mrs C Shaw asked the Clerk for a copy of the Allotments Sub Committee and Grounds Committee minutes.

Cllr J Fuller enquired whether the grass in the cremated remains area of the cemetery was still being cut with the small mower. The Clerk replied that the mower was currently in use but that when the blade wears out, replacements are not available. The Grounds Manager would be asked for an update on a possible replacement.

Cllr A Sosin requested that the matter of the maintenance of Luxfield should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Grounds Committee. The Clerk has emailed Richard Whiting at Chelmsford City Council and it may be possible to hire a machine, with an operative, for a day. The Clerk will discuss this further with the Grounds Manager as the area is proving to be too large for the Environmental Group alone to keep under control in three visits per year.

218/14 Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 7th July 2014

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 7th July 2014 was presented to the Council by Cllr A Sosin, proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson.

219/14 Allotment Tenancy Agreements

It was agreed that the amended regulations and tenancy agreement, as recommended by the Allotments Sub Committee, should be accepted. Proposed by Cllr K Ronaldson and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

220/14 Chelmsford City Council – Control of Street Trading

It was noted that following earlier representations to Chelmsford City Council, two areas in Great Baddow have been listed as not having been designated as consent streets. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Sosin and seconded by Cllr K Liley that with these amendments having been made, there were no objections to the draft Control of Street Trading policy.

221/14 Art Project

Cllr Mrs J Sosin circulated a report from the meeting of the Art Project Group that had been held on 4th July 2014. The grand opening of the exhibition will be on 22nd August 2014 at 11.00 am by Tony Appleton, the

Great Baddow town crier. Arrangements for publicity are being undertaken by members of the group. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs J Sosin will speak to Tracy Vine about attending the Village Conference to speak about the legacy of the project.

222/14 Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs C Shaw informed the meeting that she had attended the Drop In Centre Open Evening, prior to the Council meeting and had been very encouraged to hear the young people speak of the help they had received from the Centre. The Youth Leader, Mike Humphrey, has been very busy and will produce a report at the end of term. The YMCA will be holding a community event in the Recreation Ground on Tuesday 29th July 2014.
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw gave apologies for the Planning Committee meeting and the Organisation Methods and Personnel Committee meeting on 21st July 2014. Cllr Mrs S Young will substitute at the Planning Committee meeting and Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky will substitute at the Organisation Methods and Personnel Committee meeting.
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw provided leaflets advertising the Craft and Design Fair at Hyde Hall.
- Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson said that she had watched the Tour de France, which had been very good. She has been speaking recently to local residents who have been asking what is happening about the Safe Cycle Route in Great Baddow. It was agreed that the Clerk will speak to Chelmsford City Council about the S106 monies that are available and what has happened to the payments.
- Cllr A Sosin told the meeting about a customer service survey that has recently been posted to the website by Essex County Council. The Clerk said that although the survey is intended for individuals, she had managed to complete and submit it. Specific comments have been made about the communication problems with the County Council.
- Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that full TV coverage of the Tour de France is available on the Chelmsford City Council website.
- Cllr K Liley reported that the railings on the bridge in Longmead Avenue have been cleaned by a group of volunteers from Tyrells Avenue.
- Cllr J Fuller asked for a copy of the meetings list for 2014 to be e.mailed to him.
- Cllr Mrs S Young reported that resurfacing work in Dorset Avenue is due to take place on 21st July 2014.
- Cllr Mrs S Young reported that a planning application has been submitted by Affinity Sutton for a change of use from offices to houses.

It was resolved that the meeting would be closed to the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in the following item

223/14 Bell Centre Lease

It was agreed that a meeting of the Bell Centre Working Group will be arranged as soon as possible to discuss the next action to be taken.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.48pm.

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