

**A Meeting of the Parish Council at The Parish Hall, Great
Baddow on Monday 13th February 2017**

The Council met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 13th February 2017** 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, T Miller, Mrs M Miller, Mrs V Sadowsky, G Jarvis, K Ronaldson and Mrs V Chiswell

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

663/16 Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

664/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs D Ronaldson, Mrs S Young and J Fuller.

665/16 Declaration of Interests

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

666/16 Minutes of the Council Meeting – 9th January 2017

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th January 2017 were signed as a true statement. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs V Chiswell with the following amendment to Item 609/16, second paragraph, final sentence: the word 'posts' to be deleted and replaced by 'post'.

667/16 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

668/16 Clerk's Report

1. Lawn Cemetery

The Clerk has obtained quotes from skip hire companies to remove the rubbish from the back of the Lawn Cemetery. She and the Grounds Supervisor still need to discuss whether the size of skip being suggested will be able to access the site. The small amount of rubbish remaining at the Recreation Ground can be transported to the Cemetery and become part of the collection from there. Some controlled burning has already taken place at the back of the Cemetery and once the rubbish has been removed, the situation will be further assessed.

2. Cycle Route

The minutes from the last meeting of the Chelmsford City Local Highways Panel on 14th December 2016 are now on the website and have been circulated. The matter will be on the agenda for the meeting next week of the Highways & Amenities committee.

3. Marrable House

No update report has been received from Les Broughton of Weston Homes about the redevelopment of Marrable House for three months. The office will find out if someone else has taken over from him.

4. Luxfield

The Grounds Supervisor has obtained quotes for the hiring of a chipping machine and the Clerk will be speaking with her to assess whether the clearance of the arisings can be accommodated into the work schedule.



5. **Recreation Ground Water Leak**
Further to a site visit last week, Northumbrian Water Ltd will be coming to the site this Thursday/Friday to dig an exploratory trench and hopefully to repair the leak at the same time. If this is possible, the water will only be off for 15-20 minutes. It has also been agreed that the trench will only extend halfway across the roadway, so cars can access the Community Centre. The Community Association, the Bowling Club and Roberts Court have all been informed of the arrangements. The Clerk was asked to speak to Essex & Suffolk Water about the bill when it is received.
6. **Bell Centre**
Further to a recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch, the Clerk met this morning with representatives from the Neighbourhood Watch and the YMCA and Cllr Stephanie Scott, to discuss the Bell Centre and the youth services provided there. The current situation with the youth club and drop-in was discussed and the meeting was very productive. It is hoped that closer communication and co-operation will result from the meeting.
7. **Highways Schemes – Dropped Kerbs**
Cllr Mrs Shaw enquired whether any information had been received from Cllr J Fuller, who was going to make a site visit to St Mary's Church to view the location for a possible dropped kerb at the entrance to the Church path. The Clerk replied that she had not received any information and would contact Cllr J Fuller to ask if this could be provided for the meeting of the Highways Committee on 20th February 2017.

669/16 Correspondence

1. Chelmsford City Council – request to install an information board, regarding the Marconi mast, at the Lawn Cemetery. It was agreed that the Clerk should request a copy of the proof, and if this is acceptable, permission should be given for the installation of the board. Cllr A Sosin proposed that it should be located on the verge, close to the Parish Council's own noticeboard, where it can be viewed without entering the cemetery, and this was agreed. It was also proposed that a further board could be located in the centre of the village, close to the seat outside St Mary's Church. ** about the Pleasanton Revolt*
2. To consider an application for a variation to a licence for the BP Garage in Baddow Road, Great Baddow and to agree comments, if appropriate. Cllr Mrs C Shaw outlined the problems that could be foreseen if the variation is allowed, including the possible exacerbation of public nuisance in a residential area. It was agreed by the meeting that the prevention measures set out in the application were inadequate, and were not sufficient for the proposal to extend a licence in a residential area. These comments will be submitted.
3. P Bridge – email about the site of the former Beehive PH. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had already approached the agent dealing with the Beehive PH, and had been told that they were only acting with regard to the building itself, and not the garden area. It was agreed that due to the dangerous condition of the fence, the Clerk would refer the matter to both Chelmsford City Council as a safety issue, and to Essex County Council due to the infringement of the highway. Mrs Bridge will also be informed of the action that has been taken.
4. Mrs P Hellam – request for public toilets in Great Baddow. Cllr K Ronaldson had drafted a reply to the letter outlining the history pertaining to this matter and the reasons why it was not possible to

provide public toilets. This was discussed and it was agreed that the response, with some minor alteration, should be sent to Mrs Hellam.

670/16 Reports of the Planning Committee 16th January and 6th February 2017

The reports of the Planning Committee of 16th January and 6th February 2017 were presented to the Council by Cllr A Sosin and signed as a true statement by Cllr Mrs J Sosin.

671/16 Report of the Organisation, Methods and Personnel Committee 23rd January 2017

The report of the Organisation, Methods and Personnel Committee of 23rd January 2017 was presented to the Council by Cllr Mrs C Shaw, proposed by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and seconded by Cllr A Sosin.

672/16 Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 6th February 2017

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 6th February 2017 was presented to the Council by Cllr Mrs C Shaw, proposed by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and seconded by Cllr A Sosin with the following amendment to Item 660/16, second bullet point, first line: the word 'attend' to be deleted and replaced by 'attended'.

Cllr Mrs C Shaw informed the meeting that she had obtained information from the Electoral Commission website confirming that local councillors are entitled to receive copies of the electoral registers. The Clerk will contact the Electoral Office again about this matter.

673/16 Play in the Park

In line with previous years, it was agreed to request two sessions during the Easter school holiday period, and six sessions during the summer holiday. These will be scheduled to avoid the week of the Parish Council's own summer Playscheme. It was also agreed not to book any of the extra activities, as these are becoming increasingly expensive. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and seconded by Cllr Mrs V Chiswell.

674/16 Open Spaces and the Flying of Drones

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of the Chelmsford City Council policy on the flying of drones in open spaces. Following some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should adopt this policy, but with the exclusion of the exemptions. The matter of enforcement was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council staff would not be expected to undertake enforcement. Any ~~sittings~~ ^{sightings} should be photographed and reported to the City Council. Proposed by Cllr K Ronaldson and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

675/16 Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council – Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan

It was agreed that there were no comments to be made on this consultation.

676/16 Chelmsford City Council – Green Wedges and Green Corridors: Defining Chelmsford's River Valleys Report

Cllr Mrs C Shaw outlined a proposed response to the City Council, detailing the Parish Council's opposition to the exclusion from the Green Wedge, of land running alongside the River Chelmer. It was agreed that the Clerk should submit the comments to Chelmsford City Council and Cllr A Sosin

reported that he would be attending the Development Policy Committee meeting at the City Council on 16th February 2017 to observe the discussion and to put forward the Parish Council's objection.

677/16Matters for Information

- Cllr K Ronaldson reported that he had noted a comment in the City Council's report on Indoor Sports & Recreation Facilities, stating that the Parish Council consider their Village Hall to be in need of renovation and refurbishment. The Clerk confirmed that the office had not been approached or consulted about this and enquiries would be made as to where the information had been obtained from.
- Cllr K Ronaldson reported that a trench, stretching across the road in front of the care home development in Molrams Lane, had not been filled in properly.
- Cllr K Ronaldson informed the meeting of the consultation currently taking place on improvements to the A12 from Boreham to Marks Tey, and raised a query as to why the section from Margaretting to Boreham (Chelmsford By-Pass) had not also been included. Cllr A Sosin reported that he had viewed the consultation proposals on display at County Hall and the A12 to the south of Chelmsford was not included at this stage. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the Highways Committee meeting on 20th February 2017.
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw informed the meeting that the Marconi Athletic and Social Club is now called the Hampton Sports and Leisure Club. The lease on the field in West Hanningfield Road will terminate on 31st March 2017 but the ground will continue to be used for football and will be managed by a new leaseholder.

678/16Private and Confidential

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 items. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

679/16Bowling Club Lease

The Clerk has not yet contacted the Parish Council's solicitor, to clarify some issues raised in the draft lease received from the Bowling Club's solicitor.

680/16Bell Centre Lease

The draft Agreement to Lease, received from the Parish Council's solicitor, had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to accept the draft Agreement and to instruct the solicitor to proceed with negotiations. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm

Signed.....*J. Sosin*.....Chairman.....*13th March 2017*.....Date