

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.03 pm on **Monday 17th October 2016** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Councillor K Liley chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors K Liley, A Sosin, Mrs C Shaw, Mrs J Sosin, Mrs M Miller, T Miller and Mrs V Chiswell

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

444/16 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr J Fuller. Cllr Mrs V Chiswell had indicated that she may be late.

445/16 Declarations of Interests

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

446/16 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th June 2016 were proposed by Cllr K Liley and seconded by Cllr A Sosin.

8.06pm – Cllr Mrs V Chiswell entered the meeting

447/16 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

448/16 Clerk's Report

1. Baddow Hospital Signage

As reported at the last meeting, the Baddow Hospital is dealing directly with the Essex County Council Highways about the matter of the installation of signage for the Baddow Hospital. No update has been received on this matter.

2. Cycle Route

The Clerk had e.mailed Cllr Jenny Chandler about this matter and the reply had been dealt with at the Council meeting on 10th October 2016. The committee confirmed the action to be taken and the Clerk said that she will be writing as soon as possible.

3. Parish Council Membership of the CLHP

The Clerk told the meeting that a letter had not yet been sent. Cllr A Sosin reported that membership of the CLHP had been mentioned at a meeting that he had attended on 6th October 2016. It was agreed that the Clerk should check the minutes of the latest meeting of the Local Highways Panel and then if appropriate, send the letter.

449/16 Update Reports on outstanding issues:

1. Street Lighting in Park View Crescent and Sawkins Avenue

Cllr Mrs V Chiswell asked about the street lighting and it was confirmed that the lighting being considered will be additional to the existing lighting in the area. Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that he had spoken to a lighting company at the EALC AGM and asked if the Clerk could contact them about arranging for a quote.

2. PROW Clarification

This matter has not yet been progressed and it was agreed that the matter should be taken off the agenda and diarised for June 2017.

3. Litter Picking Routes

The Clerk told the meeting that following an interview, a new litter picker has been appointed and will be starting on 19th October 2016. As agreed, some of the litter picking time for the Recreation Ground has been diverted to the new position.

4. Installation of Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk told the meeting that this matter has not been progressed but will be treated as a priority.

450/16 Highways Issues raised by residents for consideration

1. Alan Olive – e.mail about litter picking. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to Mr Olive and let him know that a litter picker has been appointed.
2. Kay C – posting on Streetlife about a near-miss in Bell Street. It was confirmed that this matter had been raised at the NAP meeting and the problem was noted.
3. Peter Fairclough – e.mail concerning proposed fortnightly waste collection. It was agreed that the committee was generally sympathetic to the fortnightly collections but that the specific problems of the disposal of nappies and incontinence pads will be raised by Cllr A Sosin, who will attend the cabinet meeting at the City Council on 18th October 2016.
4. Lisa and Gary Porter – e.mail requesting a dog waste bin in Craiston Way at the entrance to Luxfield. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply that there is no entrance to Luxfield from Craiston Way and that the land is actually private. A dog waste bin near the site is already under consideration. It was agreed that the City Council will be contacted about additional signage in the area.

451/16 Chelmsford Local Highways Panel

The minutes of a meeting of the Panel held on 30th June 2016 were circulated and the following noted:

- Scheme LCHE 152099 – Church Street, Great Baddow Traffic calming/wider footways – it was noted that the scheme has been deleted from the list because the action is not feasible.
- Scheme LCHE 152121 – Longmead Avenue j/w Meadgate Avenue, Great Baddow parking and traffic improvements – it was noted that the scheme has been deleted from the list because surveys had indicated that the compliance with current speed limits is good.

There was much discussion about the Great Baddow Cycle Route and in particular, the Chelmsford Cycling Action Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Jon Simmons about this and that the e.mail should be copied to Cllr Jenny Chandler.

452/16 Highways Schemes Priorities

Cllr A Sosin reported that a survey has recently been delivered in the Craiston Way/Pertwee Drive area about a pedestrian refuge. A total of 135 surveys had been distributed and 60 responses had been received, which represented a 44% response. Of the responses, 82% had indicated that they would like a refuge in Galleywood Road.

It was proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and unanimously agreed that the support of the Essex County Council member and the City Council members should be obtained and then the scheme

should be submitted to the Chelmsford Local Highways Panel for consideration.

453/16 Essex County Council

An invitation had been received from Essex County Council regarding a new self-help initiative to identify locations on the highways network where there is regular localised flooding. The scheme was noted and it was agreed that there are no applicable roads in Great Baddow.

454/16 Budget

1. Review of Budget Spending for 2016/2017 – The Clerk reported that there were no concerns about any of the budget headings. The salaries budget was raised and the Clerk said that whilst the spending was lower than expected due to only one litter picker being paid since April 2016, the new litter picker has been given additional hours to cover the Recreation Ground and Noakes Place, so the total saving over the year would not be as much as expected.
2. First Draft Budget for 2017/2018 – After consideration, it was agreed that budget headings for NIC and pension payments should be added. It was agreed that with these amendments, this budget should go forward to the Finance and General Purposes Committee as the recommendation of the Highways & Amenities Committee.

455/16 Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs V Chiswell reported that a section of street lights from the Maldon Road/Molrams Lane junction going towards the Park & Ride are not working. This will be reported to Essex Highways.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.23 pm.

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