

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.00 pm on **Monday 20th June 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

160/16 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr J Fuller.

161/16 Declarations of Interests

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

162/16 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th February 2016 were proposed by Cllr K Liley and seconded by Cllr A Sosin.

163/16 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

164/16 Clerk's Report

1. Baddow Hospital Signage

The Clerk had e.mailed both Cllr Dick Madden and Cllr Jenny Chandler and had been told that the Baddow Hospital is now dealing directly with the Essex County Council Highways about the matter of the installation of signage for the Baddow Hospital.

2. Parish Council Membership of the CLHP

The Clerk told the meeting that a letter had not yet been sent but that there was no reason why one shouldn't be sent. It was agreed that a letter will be sent about Parish Council representation on the Local Highways Panel.

3. Cycle Route

The Clerk had e.mailed the Essex County Council/Jacobs and had found that the person dealing with this matter no longer works there. An Out of Office e.mail had said that contact should be made with other officers and this had been done. An acknowledgement was received saying that a full reply would be sent in due course. Nothing has been received and it was agreed to chase the matter.

165/16 Update Reports on outstanding issues:

1. Street Lighting in Park View Crescent and Sawkins Avenue

The Clerk told the meeting that the new electrician has experience in dealing with street lights and that once the installation testing in the Council's buildings is complete, he will be asked to investigate the possible installation of street lighting in the two locations.

2. PROW Clarification

This matter has not yet been progressed and the Clerk was asked to check the current position with Essex County Council PROW.

3. Land O/S The White Horse PH

This matter has not yet been progressed. The committee agreed that given the Council's current staffing situation, this would not be the best time to

look at taking on additional work. The Clerk will remove this item from the agenda but will diarise it for future consideration.

4. **Litter Picking Routes**

The Clerk told the meeting that the list with the routes is being finalised and once complete, it will be circulated to councillors for checking.

The Clerk was asked to check with Mr Passfield about what route/s he is undertaking. The possibility of diverting some of the litter picking time to the Recreation Ground was also discussed and it was agreed that, if possible, this should be done.

5. **Litter in the Noakes Avenue area**

The Clerk told the meeting that no further complaints had been made about litter in this area and it was agreed that the item will be removed from the agenda for the time being and will be diarised for future consideration. The Clerk will speak to Chelmsford City Council about any plans that they have for a litter bin in the area.

6. **Speeding in the Noakes Avenue/Rothmans Avenue/Hampton Road area**

The Clerk told the meeting that no further complaints had been made about speeding in this area and it was agreed that the item will be removed from the agenda for the time being and will be diarised for future consideration.

166/16 **Policy for Bins**

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated a draft policy regarding the installation and maintenance of litter bins, dog waste bins and recycling bins. A few minor amendments were made to the scoring sheet and with those amendments, it was proposed by Cllr K Liley and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Miller that the policy be recommend for adoption by the Council. This was agreed unanimously.

167/16 **Requests for Dog Waste Bins**

The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting. After discussion, the following were agreed:

- The four bins agreed in 2013 will be scored against the new policy and the top two scoring ones will be installed. The money for the installation will be taken from ring-fenced monies and the money for the collection cost will be taken from the underspent Highways & Amenities salary budget. For future years, the collection cost will be added to the budget.
- The request from Clarion Gate will be refused because the land belongs to the developer and has not been adopted. The responsibility for installing dog bins lies with them and the City Council, if there is a perceived health issue.
- The requests for bins in Goodwin Close, Hereford Court, Church Street and Galleywood Road will be considered at a later date and the residents who made the requests will be informed of this.

168/16 **Highways Issues raised by residents for consideration**

There have been no highways issues, except the requests in the previous item for dog waste bins, raised by residents since the last meeting.

169/16 **Chelmsford Local Highways Panel**

The minutes of a meeting of the Panel held on 23rd March 2016 were circulated and the following noted:

- Information about scheme LCHE 152121 given to the Panel meeting by Cllr Jenny Chandler.

- The date for the remedial works at A1060 Maldon Road junction with Molrams Lane, Sandon has slipped from March 2016 to September 2016.
- Scheme LCHE 146004 in Beehive Lane near Honeydots was reported as not feasible.

It was noted that there is another meeting of the Highways Panel in June and the Clerk said that she will circulate the minutes as soon as they become available.

170/16 Highways Schemes Priorities

Cllr A Sosin reported that this matter is still work in progress and that a letter will be drafted for the office to copy for delivery by councillors.

171/16 Matters for Information

- Cllr A Sosin thanked the Parish Council staff for passing on and Cllr Gillian Smith for taking up the matter of the problem at Mercia Close. This has now been repaired.
- Cllr A Sosin thanked the Administrative Assistant for obtaining the confirmation from Essex County Council about the status of The Bringey footpath. After discussion, it was agreed that the access to the highway part will be queried with the County Council.
- Cllr Mrs M Miller reported that the sight lines when turning out of The Causeway are being compromised by the height of the vegetation on the roadside in Maldon Road. This will be reported to Chelmsford City Council.
- Cllr Mrs V Chiswell reported that the litter bins in The Vineyards are overflowing and the Clerk said she could e.mail Clem Dobson about it.
- Cllr Mrs V Chiswell told the meeting that another murder has been reported in Great Baddow.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

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