

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.15 pm on **Monday 22nd June 2015** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Councillor K Liley chaired the meeting.

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

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council
 Cllr L Ahmed – Chelmsford City Council

Before the meeting opened, the Chairman read out a statement about the recording and use of social media at Council meetings

158/15 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

159/15 Declarations of Interests

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

160/15 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd February 2015 were proposed by Cllr K Liley and seconded by Cllr A Sosin.

161/15 Public Question Time

Cllr L Ahmed from Chelmsford City Council was present. She introduced herself to the committee. Cllr A Sosin explained that the paperwork that had been given to her related to an updated highways schemes priorities list, which would be dealt with further into the agenda.

162/15 Clerk's Report

1. **Litter Picking** – Cllrs K Liley and A Sosin reported that a meeting regarding the litter picking had not yet taken place. The Grounds Manager had supplied the list of areas covered. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged.
2. **Dog Waste Bin in Goodwin Close** – Cllr A Sosin asked whether there was any update on the installation of this bin and the Clerk said that no further correspondence had been received. The Clerk told the meeting that the City Council had said that no further dog waste bins could be installed by the Parish Council and so it was difficult to understand why the City Council was asking the Parish Council to pay for the installation of a bin that had not been requested. Cllr L Ahmed said that she will follow this up and the Clerk said that she would e.mail the locations of the bins requested by the Parish Council.
3. **Signage at Baddow Hospital** – Cllr A Sosin asked if there had been any further developments on this matter. The Clerk said that a check will be made and that she will contact the Baddow Hospital.
4. **Parking Restrictions in Gilmore Way** – The Clerk confirmed to the meeting that a Parish Council does not have a power to fund this type of project and would need the General Power of Competence to do so. Great Baddow Parish Council does not currently have that power. Nothing further had been heard since a reply had been sent.
5. **Bus Shelter in Galleywood Road** – Cllr A Sosin reported that the bus shelter in Galleywood Road had been installed.

6. **Bus Shelter in Tabors Hill** – Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that this matter will be going to a meeting of the Local Highways Panel at the end of June for a decision on the funding.
7. **Potholes in Foxholes Road** – It was reported that the potholes have not yet been marked up. The Clerk was asked to confirm whether or not photographs have been sent to the Highways.

163/15 Update Reports on outstanding issues:

1. **MASC Development Beehive Lane** – It was reported that Duffield Road is closed this week for road re-surfacing and it was hoped that a pedestrian crossing will be installed at the same time. Cllr A Sosin explained that the bus shelter in Beehive Lane was demolished by a bus in December 2008 and as it was due to be replaced as part of the MASC development S106 Agreement, the Parish Council had not replaced it at the time. However, the matter had run on for longer than expected and it has still not been replaced. The Clerk was asked to write to Essex County Council to see if there were any plans to install the new bus shelter in the next few months.
2. **Street Lighting in Park View Crescent and Sawkins Avenue**
Quotations have not yet been obtained for these lights.
3. **PROW Clarification**
A meeting had taken place in June 2013 between Essex County Council PROW and Parish Council representatives regarding areas of footway in Great Baddow. Since then, the contacts at Essex County Council Highways have been lost following the movement of officers to Essex Highways. The Clerk was asked to follow this matter up.
4. **Land O/S The White Horse PH** – The Clerk told the meeting that an e.mail had been received from Essex County Council Highways to say that the land is historical highway. The Parish Council still wishes to take on a maintenance agreement for this area and the Clerk will progress the matter.

164/15 Matters for Information

- Cllr A Sosin had circulated a list of updated Highways Schemes Priorities and the Chairman said that this item should be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Cllr A Sosin said that an e.mail had been received from Cllr Jenny Chandler about Jeffrey Road which mentioned a meeting that is to be held at ECC. It was agreed to ask Cllr Chandler for details of the outcome of that meeting.
- Cllr Mrs V Chiswell raised the matter of toilet provision at The Vineyards. It was confirmed that there is no legislation that requires the provision of public toilet facilities. The Clerk confirmed that the matter was investigated several years ago but that it had proved to be potentially very expensive and permission would be required from the owners of The Vineyards. It was agreed that the Parish Council will ask for toilet provision to be included in the plans for the Marrable House development.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.07 pm.

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