

## **Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee**

The Committee met at 8.00 pm on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Councillor A Sosin chaired the meeting.

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

In attendance:        Three members of the public  
                              The Assistant Clerk of the Council

### **672/14 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr T Hatcher.

### **673/14 Declarations of Interests**

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

### **674/14 Public Question Time**

There were three members of the public present.

Mrs Dorothy Cumming addressed the meeting about her concerns regarding the speed of the traffic in Church Street, and the associated risk to pedestrians due to the narrow pavements. She also expressed concern about the children who use the route to get to and from school. Cllr A Sosin confirmed that this matter has been raised at the Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting, and some speed checks are carried out on the road. However, the Parish Council has not been able to obtain approval for any of the locally determined highways projects that it has submitted to the County Council. There was some discussion of the value of speed signs as a deterrent, and Cllr A Sosin confirmed that these are expensive, and the cost would have to be met by the Parish Council.

Mrs Rita Roscoe addressed the meeting to stress the problems of speeding in Church Street, and to request more frequent speed checks by the Police. Cllr Mrs C Shaw explained that local surgeries are held by the Police where it may be possible to raise this matter.

Mrs Rita Roscoe also raised the matter of the rerouting of the No.31 bus away from the centre of Great Baddow, and Cllr Mrs J Sosin replied that the Parish Council had received letters of complaint and petitions from parishioners, and these had been forwarded to First Bus. The matter has also been raised at passenger transport meetings, and will be highlighted again at the next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Cllr Mrs C Shaw informed the members of the public that a bus survey, requesting views on how to improve the bus network in Chelmsford, can be completed online at the Essex County Council website.

With the consent of the meeting it was agreed to bring forward agenda item 7.3. – Email from Mr G Cheek concerning speeding in Church Street. The proposal to reduce speeding through the construction of a mini roundabout was discussed, and it was agreed that such an installation

would be very expensive and would not reduce the excessive speeding in the problem area of Church Street, and could not be supported.

#### 675/14 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr K Liley.

#### 676/14 Clerk's Report

1. **MASC Development Beehive Lane including the bus shelters in Beehive Lane and Duffield Road** – County Cllr Mrs J Chandler has advised that the work will be carried out in January/February 2015 and this will be monitored.
2. **Street Furniture** – The replacement dog waste bins in the footpath alongside St Mary's Church and at Readers Corner have been installed. The replacement seat at Plumtree Avenue has been installed. The Public Health Protection Officer at Chelmsford City Council has contacted the office regarding a possible dog waste bin opposite 20 Goodwin Close. It was agreed that funding could be found for a bin if the City Council approved the installation, but at the current time it is understood that Operational Services would not agree to install a new bin.
3. **Mr Shepherd – Lambourne Chase into Ruby Link** – The Assistant Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Shepherd sent an email to the office on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 confirming that the site manager for Countrywide had visited the area and agreed to place GIVE WAY or STOP signs at the corner of Ruby Link, and 5mph signs at both ends of the junctions between Ruby Link and Lambourne Chase. He had thanked the Parish Council for their attention to the matter.
4. **Signage at Baddow Hospital** – Cllr A Sosin enquired whether a letter had been written in support of the request by Baddow Hospital to erect signage. The Assistant Clerk agreed to look into this and if necessary to send such a letter.

#### 677/14 Update Reports on the following issues:

1. **Street Lighting in Park View Crescent and Sawkins Avenue**  
Quotations have not yet been obtained for these lights.
2. **PROW Clarification**  
The Clerk had previously informed the meeting that the contacts at Essex County Council Highways have been lost following the movement of officers to Essex Highways. Letters have not yet been written to Cllr David Finch and Joanne Killian at Essex County Council.
3. **Land O/S The White Horse PH** – The Clerk had previously told the meeting that an e.mail had been received from Chelmsford City Council, which confirmed that the land does not belong to the authority. A reply is awaited from Essex County Council about this matter.

#### 678/14 Highways Issues raised by residents for consideration

1. C Barford, Chelmsford City Council – email concerning parking restrictions in Gilmore Way and Molrams Lane. Cllr A Sosin had carried out a survey in the area and provided some information on the request for parking restrictions. It was agreed that the proposals could not be supported as they did not meet the Essex County Council safety and congestion criteria and would only be of benefit to a limited number of residents. Cllr A Sosin also confirmed that there was no budget available for this work.
2. S Ferneyhough, B Paulding – request for a bus shelter in Galleywood Road on the corner of Bells Chase – Cllr A Sosin had carried out a survey

in 2013, to assess the opinion of local residents for a shelter at this bus stop, and had received support for the proposal. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and seconded by Cllr A Sosin that a bus shelter should be installed with funds to be taken from the 2015/16 budget. A vote was taken showing four in favour, and two abstentions. The Assistant Clerk will obtain quotations.

Cllr A Sosin will check whether the associated problems raised by the correspondents, with regard to the problems of crossing Galleywood Road at the Bells Chase junction, and the possible installation of a refuge, were included within the Parish Council's list of highways projects for consideration by the Essex County Council Highways panel.

3. G Cheek – This matter had been brought forward and dealt with under item 674/14.

#### **679/14 Litter Pickers**

The Assistant Clerk circulated a list, provided by the Grounds Manager, of the litter picking routes currently being covered by the two litter pickers. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to review the schedule and discuss whether any changes were needed to improve the coverage. The Grounds Manager will be asked to attend the meeting with the two litter pickers, and Cllrs A Sosin and K Liley.

#### **680/14 Bus Shelter – Tabors Hill**

The Assistant Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Grounds Manager who had confirmed that the wooden shelter on Tabors Hill was rotten in a number of places and beyond repair. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and seconded by Cllr K Liley that it should be replaced by a Perspex shelter with a seat, using funds available in the 2014/15 budget. This was agreed. The Assistant Clerk will obtain quotations.

#### **681/14 Matters for Information**

- Cllr Mrs M Miller reported a line of linear potholes in Foxholes Road, at the junctions with Reynards Court. The Grounds Manager will be asked to take some photographs which will be sent with a report to the Highways Department.

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

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