

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.00 pm on **Monday 26th October 2015** 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 M Miller, T Miller, Mrs V Chiswell and J Fuller

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

458/15 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs J Sosin.

459/15 Declarations of Interests

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

460/15 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd June 2015 were proposed by Cllr K Liley and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Miller.

461/15 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

462/15 Clerk's Report

1. Litter Picking

A meeting has taken place with the litter pickers to discuss the routes that they cover and a new list is being drawn up.

2. Dog Waste Bin in Goodwin Close

Following the last meeting on 22nd June 2015, the Clerk e.mailed Cllr L Ahmed at the City Council about the bin in Goodwin Close and also the locations of the bins that had been requested by the Parish Council. The matter was due to be discussed with Cllr J Potter in July 2015 but nothing further has been heard. The Clerk will e.mail Cllr Ahmed.

3. Signage at Baddow Hospital

The Clerk contacted the Baddow Hospital about the signage. The hospital had been having problems contacting the Highways Department about the matter and the hospital requested the Parish Council to try and contact the Highways on their behalf. This was agreed but has not been progressed at the current time. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Jenny Chandler.

463/15 Update Reports on outstanding issues:

1. MASC Development Beehive Lane

It was reported that the pedestrian crossing in Duffield Road and the bus shelters in Beehive Lane and Dorset Avenue have now been installed.

2. Street Lighting in Park View Crescent and Sawkins Avenue

Quotations have not yet been obtained for these lights.

3. PROW Clarification

This matter has not yet been progressed but it will be treated as a priority.

4. Land O/S The White Horse PH

This matter has not yet been progressed but it will be treated as a priority.

464/15 Highways Issues raised by residents for consideration

1. D Pridmore had raised the issue of litter in the Noakes Avenue area, particularly in the footpath running from Noakes Avenue towards Bells Chase. The Clerk had arranged for the litter pickers to attend this area at the end of September. Mr Pridmore's request for an additional litter bin in the area was considered and the Clerk was asked to contact Chelmsford City Council to request permission to put in a bin.
2. D Pridmore had also raised the matter of speeding in the Noakes Avenue, Rothmans Avenue, Hampton Road area. Cllr Mrs C Shaw said that there is to be a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Panel on 28th October 2015 and that the matter will be raised then.

465/15 Bus Shelter

The meeting was told that a submission to the Local Highways Panel for money to replace the bus shelter in Tabor's Hill (a.k.a. Blue Lion) had not been granted. Essex County Council had contacted the office to say that there was possible another grant funder that can be approached and it could also be put back to the Local Highways Panel in March 2016. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr J Fuller that the Council should go ahead with the installation of a replacement wooden bus shelter unless the opportunity for grant funding is likely to occur in the next couple of months.

466/15 Chelmsford Local Highways Panel

1. The minutes of a meeting of the Panel held on 2nd September 2015 and circulated to councillors on 25th September 2015 were noted. There was only one item discussed relating to Great Baddow and that was scheme LCHE142021 (A1060 Maldon Road j/w Molrams Lane, Sandon). This is remedial works to S278 highways works of signing/lining/lighting improvements, which now has a scheduled finish date of May 2016.
2. The Clerk had attended the EALC AGM in September 2015, where Cllr David Finch had suggested that parish councils should consider making requests for representation on the local highways panels. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chelmsford panel with this request.

467/15 Highways Schemes Priorities

The updated list of Highways Schemes priorities that had been circulated was considered. It was agreed that scheme numbers 8 (the provision of a pedestrian crossing or safe refuge in the Causeway) and 32 (the provision of a safe refuge at the junction of Galleywood Road and Pertwee Drive) should be pursued. The Clerk was asked to circulate the information from the Chelmsford Local Highways Panel about how to submit a request. It was also agreed to arrange a meeting with Cllr Jenny Chandler to gain her support for the schemes.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Essex County Council about the S106 money being held for the Baddow Cycle Route.

468/15 Budget

1. A report on the review of the 2015/2016 budget had been circulated before the meeting and was noted. Cllr A Sosin asked if the Clerk could circulate lists of the bus shelters, dog waste bins and litter bins that belong to the Parish Council. The Clerk said that she could do the first two but there is currently no list of the litter bins.

2. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting on the first draft budget for 2016/2017. This was considered and it was agreed to add £540.00 to budget heading 5151 – Litter Bins.

It was agreed that the budget, with the proposed amendment, should be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

469/15 Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs M Miller reported that the potholes on the junction of Foxholes Road and Reynards Court have still not been repaired. She also reported another similar problem o/s 16 Foxholes Road. The Clerk was asked to report these to Essex County Council.
- Cllr Mrs V Chiswell raised the matter of the bus information sign at the bus stop in The Causeway. This had also been raised by Cllrs K Liley, A Sosin and K Ronaldson. It was reported that a resident has taken up the matter with Cllr Jenny Chandler and had been told that the old sign had been knocked down and had been replaced with the new one, which is very difficult to read. The Clerk was asked to pass on the concerns of the Council to Essex County Council through Cllr Jenny Chandler.
- Cllr J Fuller reported that a local resident has spoken to him about issues in Church Street relating to speed limit signs and has said that she will be taking this up with Essex County Council Highways.
- Cllr J Fuller reported that the BMX track in Baddow Hall Park needs to be litter picked as the area is very unsightly.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.26 pm.

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