

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

The Committee met at 8.00 pm on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014** 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 K Ronaldson

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

### **142/14 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr T Miller, who had substituted Cllr K Ronaldson and Cllr T Hatcher.

### **143/14 Declarations of Interests**

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

### **144/14 Public Question Time**

There were no members of the public present.

### **145/14 Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr K Liley with the following amendments: Item 637/13, second bullet point, replace "42" with "40" and sixth bullet point, second line, replace "sate" with "state".

### **146/14 Clerk's Report**

There was no written report but the following items were updated:

1. **Crescent and Jeffrey Road** – Cllr A Sosin reported that the potholes have been mended, which may mean that the reconstruction work is unlikely to happen in the near future.
2. **Loftin Way/Gloucester Avenue** – Cllr A Sosin reported that Essex County Council Highways does not see this work as a priority and therefore the work will not be done. The item will be removed from the Clerk's Report.
3. **Parking at Baddow Hall Crescent/Leach Close** – This matter had been reported to a NAP meeting and the police have spoken to the owner of one of the vans. The situation at the junction has now improved.
4. **Baddow Road Elderly Persons Sign** – There has been no further update from Essex Highways.
5. **Passenger Transport Meetings** – In the absence of Cllr T Hatcher, Cllr Mrs J Sosin said that she would try and attend the next meeting. The Clerk will forward the information.
6. **Highways Road Repair Priorities** - Cllr Mrs J Sosin reported that she had not been able to check the Essex County Council minutes to clarify the remarks made by Cllr Rodney Bass about priorities for road repairs. However, it was agreed that from experience of what has happened about road repairs recently, it is quite clear that the new priorities are happening and that repairs to minor roads are not being undertaken very quickly.
7. **Potholes in Baddow Hall Crescent** - Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that he has reported several potholes in Baddow Hall Crescent
8. **Baddow Bypass (A1114)** - It was noted that the trench across the Baddow Bypass was repaired shortly after the last meeting.

9. **Dorset Avenue** – Cllr A Sosin reported that Cllr Mrs S Young had told him that some remedial work has been carried out on the road surface in Dorset Avenue but that no re-surfacing work has taken place.

**147/14 Update Reports on the following issues:**

1. **MASC Development Beehive Lane including the bus shelters in Beehive Lane and Duffield Road**  
The County Councillor, Cllr Jenny Chandler had been contacted and her reply said that the matter of the works to be done as part of the S106 agreement is to be taken up with Chelmsford City Council. The Clerk was asked to find out if this has been done.
2. **Essex County Council - Street Lighting Night Time Switch Off**  
Cllr A Sosin reported that he has not been able to check the lights that are supposed to be left on.
3. **Proposed speed limit in Galleywood Road/Watchhouse Road**  
This has now been implemented and it was agreed to remove the issue from the agenda.
4. **Street Lighting in Park View Crescent**  
The Clerk contacted Sterling Electrical Contractors to obtain a quote for the installation work but maps are required. Unfortunately, the maps supplied by Cllr A Sosin had been misplaced but he has recently supplied copies to the Clerk and this matter will be progressed.
5. **PROW Clarification**  
The Clerk informed the meeting that information about PROWs has been difficult to obtain. Following discussion, it was agreed that a letter should be written to Cllr David Finch and Joanne Killian at Essex County Council.
6. **Update from the Chelmsford Local Highways Panel**  
This item was on the agenda in error.
7. **Installation of Street Furniture**  
Cllr A Sosin informed the meeting that the monies for the street furniture projects have now been released. Efforts to arrange a meeting with the City Council about the installation of dog waste bins will be renewed and the seat at the junction of Galleywood Road and Plumtree Avenue will be progressed. There was discussion about the bus shelters and it was agreed to get quotes and further information about replacing the shelter in Tabors Hill and to note the possible replacement of the bus shelter in Dorset Avenue for the 2015/2016 budget.
8. **Cycle Route** – Cllr A Sosin noted that the planning permission for the new Aldi store at the Army and Navy has now been granted and that this will include the development of a small piece of cycle way.

**148/14 Bus Shelter in West Hanningfield Road**

Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that the S106 monies have been used to install timetable information indicators at two shelters in Galleywood Road and so there will be no funds left to move the location of the shelter in West Hanningfield Road.

**149/14 Chelmsford Local Highways Panel**

It was noted that most of the highways schemes that have been agreed by the Panel are in the rural areas around Chelmsford.

It was agreed that the two schemes put forward by the Parish Council for a refuge in The Causeway and a crossing in Maldon Road require public support and that this should be investigated. It was also noted that the crossing in Maldon Road is a condition of the S106 agreement relating to the redevelopment of Marrable House.

It was agreed that Cllrs A Sosin and K Liley will look at the Parish Council's list of schemes.

The Clerk reported that there have been no new schemes passed to the Parish Council for consideration.

**150/14 Footpath Cutting**

It was reported that Chelmsford City Council will no longer be cutting the footpaths and rural paths. The service is being withdrawn because Essex County Council decided to reduce the funding for this service by 50% and the City Council took the decision that they could not provide the service on only 50% of the funding.

The Clerk told the meeting that several complaints about overgrown and overhanging vegetation in The Bringey have been received recently and that these people have been referred to Essex County Council. All members of the public reporting issues regarding footpaths and rural paths in the future will be referred to the County Council.

**151/14 Matters for Information**

- Cllr Mrs J Sosin reported that she had attended the meeting of the Larger Local Councils Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and had been made aware of an Emergency Planning session that is to be held at Hullbridge on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014. The Clerk said that she would forward the information to all councilors.
- Cllr K Liley reported that some patching work on the road surface had taken place in Galleywood Road.
- Cllr Mrs M Miller reported that an incident had taken place in The Chase recently and that someone had been arrested.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

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