

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.09 pm on **Monday 17th February 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, D Ronaldson, K Ronaldson and Mrs S Young

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

629/13 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr T Miller, who had substituted Cllr K Ronaldson, Cllr Mrs M Miller, who had substituted Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson and Cllr T Hatcher, who had substituted Cllr Mrs S Young.

630/13 Declarations of Interests

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

631/13 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

632/13 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st October 2013 were proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

633/13 Clerk's Report

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

1. **Crescent and Jeffrey Road (Item 397/13 2)** – the letter to residents is still to be written and updated information needs to be obtained from Essex Highways or Cllr Jenny Chandler about whether the work has been included in the 2014/2015 budget.
2. **Loftin Way/Gloucester Avenue** – Cllr A Sosin said that a status report about what has happened regarding the grass verges should be requested.
3. **Parking at Baddow Hall Crescent/Leach Close (399/13 1)** – a progress report on this issue was requested and it was agreed that the matter will be raised at the NAP meeting.
4. **Baddow Road Elderly Persons Sign (402/13)** – It was agreed to chase the matter with Essex Highways.

634/13 Update Reports on the following issues:

1. Bus Shelter in West Hanningfield Road

Cllr A Sosin reported that the bus indicator signs are installed and working on two Galleywood Road bus stops. This finishes the S106 money and it was agreed to close the item on that particular issue.

It was agreed to discuss whether or not to request that the bus stop is moved and this will be an agenda item for the June 2014 meeting. The matter of precepting monies for a new bus shelter will be considered at the October 2014 meeting, when the budget for 2015/2016 is discussed.

2. MASC Development Beehive Lane including the bus shelters in Beehive Lane and Duffield Road

It was agreed that the matter will be chased with the County Councillor, Cllr Jenny Chandler.

3. **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, due to the recent bad weather conditions. He will try to do this in time for the June meeting.
4. **Proposed speed limit in Galleywood Road/Watchouse Road**
It was agreed to request an update on this matter.
5. **Street Lighting in Park View Crescent**
The Clerk has contacted Sterling Electrical Contractors to obtain a quote for the installation work.
6. **PROW Clarification**
A progress report will be requested.
7. **Update from the Chelmsford Local Highways Panel**
The Parish Council has been invited to send representatives to a meeting at the City Council on 25th February 2014
8. **Installation of Street Furniture**
The Clerk said that she has been encountering difficulties contacting the person responsible at Chelmsford City Council for the installation of dog bins. Efforts will be renewed. It was agreed that timings will be reported to the June meeting about the seat near Plumtree Avenue and the bus shelter in Tabors Hill.

635/13 **Chelmsford City Council – Love where you live!**

The Parish Council has received notice from the City Council that they are running the Parish Cleansing Days again in 2014. Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that he would report leaf debris in the turning circle in Mascalls Way and mud debris in the turning circle in Duffield Road to the Highways Rangers.

Areas for cleansing were then discussed and it was agreed that the following will be requested:

- Hedge trim and litter clearance between 100 and 232 Dorset Avenue, along the footpath
- Trim bushes and litter clearance from Duffield Road to Gardiners, along the Great Baddow High School fence
- Litter clearance, clear leaf mould and mud and trim overhanging branches in The Bringey between Molrams Lane and the Bringey Field

636/13 **Cycle Route**

Works started in January 2014 on various schemes at the Army & Navy/Parkway. A public notice in the Essex Chronicle invited comments about a proposed cycle route to be addressed to Essex County Council. This was discussed and it was agreed that:

- In the short term, the Parish Council supports the provision of a cycle route linking from the Army & Navy subway to the Tesco car park
- In the long term, the Parish Council advocates and supports a designated cycle route running alongside Chelmer Road, underneath the viaduct, crossing the Baddow Meads and Essex Yeomanry Way and joining up with Meadgate Avenue

637/13 **Matters for Information**

- Cllr A Sosin told the committee that there is a meeting of the Civic Society on 19th February 2014 at 7.30pm to discuss the Bus Consultation.
- Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson asked whether it was known when the No.42 bus is going to start running.

- It was agreed that arrangements will be made to cover Cllr T Hatcher's place at the Passenger Transport meetings in case he is not able to attend.
- Cllr K Ronaldson reported that there is a badly repaired trench across the road on the Bypass, between the slip road and Meadgate School. This will be reported to Essex Highways.
- Cllr Mrs J Sosin reported that she had attended the Larger Local Council's Forum meeting on 13th February 2014, at which Cllr Rodney Bass had spoken about Essex Highways. He outlined a change in road repair priorities, which he said were noted in the minutes of a meeting of Essex County Council held in July 2013. Cllr Mrs J Sosin said that she will check these minutes for fuller information.
- Cllr Mrs S Young reported that the footway in Chelmerton Avenue is in a very bad state of repair. This will be reported to Essex Highways.
- Cllr Mrs S Young reported that part of the road surface in Dorset Avenue (between Rothmans Avenue and Beehive Lane) was taken off some time ago and some repairs undertaken. Since then the road has not been resurfaced. This will be reported to Essex Highways.
- Cllr Mrs S Young asked if it was possible to borrow a litter picking tool and the Clerk suggested that she should speak to the Grounds Manager.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

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