

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 8.19pm on **Monday 19th June 2017** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Councillor A Sosin chaired the meeting.

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

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

155/17 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr K Liley.

156/17 Declarations of Interests

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

157/17 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th February 2017 were proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Sosin, with the following amendments:

Item 694/16, second paragraph, fourth line, the following words to be inserted 'and on the opposite side under the Bell Centre and the commercial premises' after the words 'White Horse side';

Item 701/16, second bullet point, the words 'in Maldon Road' to be inserted after 'Fire Station';

Item 701/16, fourth bullet point, the word 'ben' to be deleted and replaced by 'been'. The minutes were agreed unanimously.

158/17 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

158a JS 158/17 Clerk's Report

1. Parish Council Membership of the CLHP

The Clerk told the meeting that she had not yet been ^{able} to write the letter concerning parish council representation on the panel but was talking to Jon Simmons from Essex County Council and will raise this matter with him.

2. Street Lights

The Clerk reported that Cllr A Sosin had raised the matter outside the meeting, of the street light in Maldon Road, next to the off licence. The lamp post was cut off in January 2016, after it was found to be dangerous, and has not been replaced. The matter has been reported to Cllr Jenny Chandler and a reply is awaited.

159/17 Update Reports on outstanding issues:

1. Street Lighting in Park View Crescent and Sawkins Avenue

Cllr A Sosin reported that he has obtained the contact details of a lighting company who will organise the installation of new lights/upgrade old lights. The contact details were given to the Clerk, who will contact the company. It was confirmed that the scheme includes a new light in Sawkins Avenue and 3 additional lights in Park View Crescent.

2. Litter Picking Routes

The Clerk told the meeting that she still needs to speak with the Grounds Supervisor about the litter picking routes. It was noted that one of the litter pickers has been away on sick leave but that no complaints had been

received by the office. It was also noted that the Council does not litter pick the Vineyards because it is private property. The Clerk reported that, following the matter being raised by Cllr Mrs V Chiswell at another meeting, she had contacted the managing agents about the litter bins in the shopping centre. The bins being full at the weekends is due to working patterns and available staff and they will investigate whether this can be managed in a different manner.

3. Installation of Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk told the meeting that this matter has still not been progressed but that she will be speaking to the Grounds Supervisor and that the matter will be treated as a priority. Chelmsford City Council will need to be contacted.

4. Loftin Way Verges

It was reported to the meeting that a reply had been received from Essex County Council Highways via Cllr Jenny Chandler, about the repairs to the verges in Loftin Way. This had said that the verges in Loftin Way were not repaired because the funding had run out. The verges are going to be monitored on a quarterly basis and if the Parish Council wishes to see the results of the monitoring, this will have to be done online as the Essex Highways does not have the resources to contact the Council separately. This was noted.

5. Dropped Kerbs in Great Baddow

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Jon Simmons from Essex County Council and had been informed that a scheme for the provision of dropped kerbs in the Church Street/High Street/Vicarage Lane area had been submitted and given the reference number LCHE162180. The Parish Council's scheme has also been passed to Mr Simmons, so that the schemes can be checked against each other to make certain that everything has been taken into consideration.

It was noted that there is also a scheme that has been submitted under reference number LCHE162181 for improvements to dropped kerbs in Maldon Road. Both schemes are with the LHP Scheme Validation Engineer and the findings are awaited.

160/17 Highways Issues raised by residents for consideration

1. **Lyster Avenue** – A request had been received from Mrs L Murray regarding the replacement of the "Cul De Sac" information on the street name sign. Cllr A Sosin said that this matter should be referred to Chelmsford City Council and this was agreed. Cllr A Sosin will inform the Clerk of the best person to refer this matter to.
2. **Bus Stops** – Requests for additional bus shelters near the Manor Farm shop and o/s 77 Maldon Road have been made. Cllr A Sosin suggested that these matters be considered for the 2018/2019 budget and this was agreed. The Clerk asked the committee to note the current arrangements for the installation of bus shelters, which are undertaken by Essex County Council.
3. **Maldon Road** – Complaints have been received about the inappropriate use of the piece of road that runs behind the bus shelter at the junction of Maldon Road/Molrams Lane. After some discussion, it was agreed that the developer had made reasonable efforts stop this sort of use and therefore the committee did not wish to take any further action.
4. **30 MPH Signs** – Requests have been received for additional signage near the 30-mph limit. It was reported that several speed checks have been carried out by the police in the area. There was some discussion about VAS and SIDs and the Clerk was asked to check the price of these for the next meeting.

161/17 Chelmsford Local Highways Panel

The minutes of a meeting of the Panel held on 14th March 2017 had been circulated and were noted. It was noted that the Cycle Route had not been discussed at the meeting and neither had the hospital signage. It was also noted that there is a meeting of the Panel due to be held on 21st June 2017.

162/17 Highways Schemes Priorities

Further to the meeting on 20th February 2017, when it had been agreed that Cllr A Sosin would update and circulate the previous list of over 30 schemes for information, Cllr A Sosin reported that this list had not yet been circulated. Once it has been, Cllrs K Liley and A Sosin will look at the list to see if there are any schemes that the Parish Council may wish to resubmit.

163/17 Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs M Miller reported that there is an extremely large part of the surface of Foxholes road that has shifted and that when the buses go over this part of the road, it is extremely noisy. This needs to be reported to Essex County Council Highways
- The Clerk reported that a notice had been received from Ringway Jacobs informing of a road closure in Church Street on 2nd July 2017 so that gas connections can be undertaken. It is expected that the closure will be for one day.
- Cllr A Sosin reported he had noticed some sunken concrete at Readers Court and had reported this to Highways.
- Cllr A Sosin reported that he had received a complaint about the width of the path in Beehive Lane, between Firecrest Road and the Abercorn Nursery. He told the meeting that he will investigate this matter.
- Cllr A Sosin raised the matter of the Where Does Water Go? Project. The Clerk reported that it had been agreed that the Parish Council would take part in this project last year but that it had proved impossible to arrange a date for the training session that needs to take place. However, the Clerk has recently been in touch with Essex County Council and posters have now been received, asking for volunteers. There are several members of the Environmental Group who are interested in taking part. The poster will be circulated and anyone who is interested should contact the Clerk, who is the Council's contact for this project.
- Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that he had been approached by Spencer Doherty from the Scout Group about the Tesco carrier bag money. The Scout Group has been nominated as one of the projects in the area. There was some discussion about this and it was agreed that a small news item could be placed on the website, if the Scout Group was the only Great Baddow Group that had been nominated.

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

Signed.....*A Sosin*.....Chairman.....*10/12 July 2017*.....Date