

Report of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Committee met at 7.59 pm on **Monday 20th February 2017** 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 J Sosin, Mrs M Miller, T Miller and Mrs V Chiswell

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council

691/16 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

692/16 Declarations of Interests

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

693/16 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17th October 2016 were proposed by Cllr K Liley and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

694/16 Public Question Time

There was one member of the public present. Mrs Roscoe did not wish to speak but asked if the item could be brought forward, so that she could hear the committee's decision. The Chairman proposed this and it was agreed by the meeting to bring forward Item 697/1.

Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that he had been out to look at the drop kerb sites mentioned by Mr and Mrs Roscoe at the full Council meeting on 13th January 2017. Many of these are too narrow to accommodate mobility vehicles and the footway on the White Horse side of the road is inadequate. There are many other areas where work will be required. He had also looked at the step down between the level of the end of PROW 20 and the pavement in Church Street. It was noted that generally, the current drop kerbs are outdated and need upgrading. Cllr A Sosin said that he would let the Clerk have a copy of his findings.

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and on the opposite side under The Bell Centre and the commercial premises

It was agreed the recommendation for new drop kerbs should go forward to Essex County Council Highways for action to be taken to remedy the safety issues posed to users. It was also agreed to obtain the support of Cllr Stephanie Scott as the Chelmsford City Council Champion for Disabled Persons and Cllr Jenny Chandler as the Essex County Council member for Great Baddow. The Clerk will also ask Cllr Scott if she could make the photographs that have been taken available to the Parish Council.

Mrs Roscoe left the meeting after the discussion.

695/16 Clerk's Report

1. Parish Council Membership of the CLHP

The Clerk told the meeting that she had not been able to find mention of this matter in the CLHP minutes. Cllr A Sosin clarified that the meeting he had attended had not been a Highways Panel meeting but a briefing meeting held at Chelmsford City Council. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to send the letter to the CLHP in time for their March 2017 meeting.

2. **Street Lights**

The Clerk reported that the lights in Maldon Road, just past the junction with Molrams Lane have recently been upgraded and are now on. It was noted by the members present that there are a large number of street lights in Great Baddow that are out. Cllr K Liley said that he would report a light out in Tyrells Way direct to ECC Highways. Cllr A Sosin also reported that the lights in The Bringey have been replaced.

696/16 Update Reports on outstanding issues:

1. Street Lighting in Park View Crescent and Sawkins Avenue

The Clerk reported that the office has not yet been able to contact the contractor but that this will be done as a priority issue.

2. Litter Picking Routes

The Clerk told the meeting that she needs to speak with the Grounds Supervisor about the litter picking routes. Cllr A Sosin reported that he had received a complaint from a resident in Loftin Way about litter and rubbish in PROW 12 and the Clerk suggested that this should be reported to Chelmsford City Council.

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.

697/16 Highways Issues raised by residents for consideration

1. Mrs R Roscoe – With the agreement of the meeting, this matter had been dealt with under item 694/16, whilst Mrs Roscoe was present.
2. Great Baddow Community Association – request for additional litter and dog waste bins. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to the Community Association and find out whether they have any specific sites in mind and to let them know that additional dog waste bins now attract an annual fee for emptying.

698/16 Highways England

Cllr K Ronaldson had brought to the attention of the Council, a consultation about the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening. Information had been circulated and Cllr A Sosin put forward a recommendation for comments. After discussion, it was agreed that the following comments should be submitted on behalf of Great Baddow Parish Council:

Great Baddow Parish Council welcomes the proposals for the upgrades and improvements to the A12 between the Boreham Interchange and Marks Tey on the grounds of reducing congestion and to improve road safety.

The Parish Council believes that the A12 around Chelmsford should also be considered for an upgrade to three lanes and for slip road improvements to avoid congestion from future development and to improve road safety.

699/16 Chelmsford Local Highways Panel

The minutes of a meeting of the Panel held on 14th December 2016 had been circulated and were noted. Further information had been obtained from Essex County Council about the Cycling Action Plan, which has not yet been finalised or published. The Clerk was asked to contact Essex County Council to ascertain how much money there is set aside for the Great Baddow Cycle Route.

700/16 Highways Schemes Priorities

1. The submission of a scheme for a pedestrian refuge in Galleywood Road to the Local Highways Panel was noted and Cllrs K Liley and A Sosin were thanked for their work on this matter. The reference number for the scheme is LCHE162171.
2. Following discussion, it was agreed that the request for the drop kerbs will be submitted as a safety issue rather than as a Highways Scheme. It was also agreed that Cllr A Sosin would update the previous list of over 30 schemes for information. The list will be circulated and Cllrs K Liley and A Sosin will look at the list to see if there are any schemes that the Council may wish to resubmit.

701/16 Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs C Shaw reported that the work to repair the verges in Loftin Way was not completed at the Beehive Lane end. It had been expected that the work would be done after the works in Gloucester Avenue but that this had not happened. The Clerk will make enquires.
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw reported that she has been asked by residents why there are no bus shelters at the bus stops near the Manor Farm Shop and by the Fire Station. ^{in Haldon Road} This will be an agenda item for the next meeting on 19th June 2017. *JS*
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw reported that concerns relating to the inappropriate use of the piece of road that runs behind the bus shelter and joins Maldon Road and Molrams Lane had been brought to her attention. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting on 19th June 2017.
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw reported that concerns about insufficient signage at the 30mph limit had ^{been} raised with her. It was noted by the meeting that repeater signs are not allowed in a 30mph limit. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting on 19th June 2017. *JS*
- The Clerk told the meeting that she had received confirmation from the Address Management Officer at Chelmsford City Council that the Recreation Ground Office now has a formal postcode of CM2 9RL.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.39 pm.

Signed.....*JS*.....Chairman.....*13th March 2017*..... Date