

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

At the snowy meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January Councillors congratulated their Clerk for efforts which have renewed the Quality Council Award under revised guidelines. There were no objections to two planning applications, although Council wanted to be certain in one that a neighbour's reservations were supported. However Councillors objected to the proposed conversion of a barn to residential accommodation at the listed Little Graces. The application to begin the Neighbourhood Planning process has been approved and that will happen soon. However more villagers are still needed in order to ensure that all views are fully represented.

The Public Rights of Way officer has visited Footpath 82 and noted that it is not a three metre bridleway within its new fencing. A report is expected. Currently parts get very muddy. Representatives from our various village groups will be asked to a meeting so that Council can get their perceived views on what is needed to enhance our community

There has been progress with sponsorship for the Village in Bloom and it is suggested that sponsors' names would be included in any signage. The Council has also bought the redundant telephone box at Wickhay Cottages for £1 & will plan its use and maintenance next meeting. It could be a base for a second defibrillator. The ditch at Wickhay Green will be cleared as soon as possible. The village sign will be reviewed as it was new two years ago and deliberately made to look old, and yet it seems to have problems with wood drying out.

The defibrillator notice at the Sports Pavilion will include a clearer postcode as this is needed when calling 999 in order to be given the code to open the storage box. Training in use is being organised by our first responders and some Councillors are taking part.

The Council's renovated website is to be linked to an official facebook page for details of events etc, as long as the latter can be monitored. This will be investigated. The current Little Baddow facebook page is not official and the ownership is unknown.  
*Details of items in this independent report can be obtained from the Council. GH.*