

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

There was a lengthy meeting of the Council on 12th May due to many items requiring detailed discussion after the election of Dr Nic Cooper to continue as Chair and Peter Irvine as Deputy Chair.

At Public Question Time firstly the Council was informed that there had been more than a dozen big burglaries from our sheds and garages recently. It agreed to distribute a warning notice to all households. Secondly it received a detailed report of previous archeological digs on Heather Hills and a map of the area to be investigated as agreed with Essex Wildlife Trust. Approval was given for a new dig and it was noted that full public safety precautions would be taken. Thirdly there was a detailed update of the plans for the new War Memorial and it was agreed to have a meeting soon with the committee to discuss the proposed dedication in November.

In the development item two new bungalows were proposed on land currently garden. The Council supported the objections of the neighbours whilst acknowledging the need for small dwellings. There was no objection to a new swimming pool, or to a new big cart lodge whilst the old is made into residential space including a games room. Council will support Southend Airport's revised air traffic control plan which will mean that Little Baddow is not on the regular flightpath for USA or Western Europe. An enforcement officer will enforce the planning control order on land next to Nurses Cottage on North Hill.

The new wedding package for the Memorial Hall was agreed with its favourable terms for local residents. A defibrillator will be purchased and kept at the cricket club. Potential help with furniture was planned for the "drop-in lunch" club.

There are now three speed loops on The Ridge monitoring speeding 24/7 for a week. There will only be help if the results show excesses of more than 5mph.....but the loops have been put at junctions! (The loud noise of several speeding vehicles was heard during this item!) The Head of Elm Green School will request parents to reduce their parking time which is making The Ridge hazardously single track.

Details of items in this independent report can be obtained from the Council. GH