

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 12th November noted that the Hall roof project had gone reasonably well. A further £1000 was agreed for unplanned costs which included additional timber replacement, improvements to the atrium and replacing missing bricks for supporting a high window. Improvement in heating is already being noticed and bills should be much reduced as the boiler does not need to be turned on for as long before a booking. The work was expected to be finished on time at the end of next week. The builders had been helpful.

During the finance items on the cost of the hall roof work and on the draft budget it was agreed that the Council would try to manage without a loan by using current available monies and tight budgeting.

There were several development items of which only two had no objection. There were objections to two for overdevelopment. Also to one for potential disturbance and lack of neighbourly consideration from a proposed dog breeding unit, and to one other. The latter was now wanting retrospective planning permission for an annexe used as a group meditation facility. Concerns were about excessive use of water from a well actually shared by the three neighbouring houses as well as transport issues in Tofts Chase, a protected lane.

A dog bin will be installed at the entrance to Heather Hills at St Andrews Rooms .The gas maintenance contract will be transferred to Chelmsford Plumbing and Heating Ltd with considerable savings. Highways will be asked to review the fire damaged pavement outside The Old Post House. Chelmsford City Council will pay for the bollards needed in Spring Close to stop parking on the green. Owners of hedges reducing pavement width are being chased for action as Highways expect ½ metre width from the edge of a road. The overgrown pavement at the bridge at Paper Mill Lock will be cleared once ownership is established. The damaged posts and signs on Postman's Lane will be repaired by Highways. Triform will remove cycle routes through our village from their website. There are still complaints about cyclists, particularly speeding, on North Hill.

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