

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April Council made arrangements to ensure that the Community Bus will be available to take people to vote on 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Memorial Hall. Details will be on Council noticeboards.

There was grave concern that a Trifarm cycle event will clash with Open Gardens and also that the Police have given approval without consulting our Council and against the advice of the National Cycling Association, which considers our local roads too hazardous. County Councillor John Spence will be contacted with Council's complaints. Trifarm have applied for two more temporary portacabins to extend their facilities. Council considered that such an improved venue could potentially increase individual use beyond the 3 approved annual events. Council agreed that these changes would increase the impact on our village's roads. During the later agenda item on the successful Litter Pick it was noted that 90% of the litter on The Ridge was discarded water bottles alleged to be thrown by cyclists!

Council approved the mooring of a third residential boat at Paper Mill Lock to deter theft and also noted that the bridge at Paper Mill Lock will be weeded on 20<sup>th</sup> July as part of a "Parish Cleansing" initiative. Council was very pleased with the agreement of Ms Jane Gardner, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, to investigate complaints made at the Parish Assembly. The Highways speed check has shown that there is a speeding problem on The Ridge. A request will be made both for a grant for the speed warning sign and for a police speed check. It was noted that the automated flood warning signs at Spring Close and on Hammonds Road are being erected.

The renovated village sign at Aldemanburgh Green is praiseworthy, and Council are also pleased with the new planters at the Memorial Hall, so a further grant was agreed. The War Memorial will have a QR code. The ditch at Wickhay Green has been cleared, but there is concern about observed drug use at the entrance to Wickhay Fields. Any illegal activity should be reported to the police. The phone box near Spring Close has been renovated, and local consultation has indicated that a defibrillator should be installed so that was agreed.

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