

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on the warm evening of 1st June and there were extensive discussions on planning applications. In particular there was a majority objection to a plan to build a cart lodge well beyond the building line of a house and its neighbouring properties on North Hill and also agreement that reinstating three cottages from the care home at 2-4 Vica Cottages was a material change of use. Regarding the latter the Council decided to tell the City planners that they were sympathetic to recreating small housing but concerned about parking. There was also concern that the owners of the land adjacent to Sandpit Cottage in Holybread Lane had gone to planning appeal. Whilst the majority did not object to a new house on the land belonging to Saplings in Darcy Rise, there was concern expressed about extra vehicles in a very narrow culdesac road.

A Charity which has Lottery funding might support the installation of the defibrillator at the old telephone box at the bottom of North Hill and meanwhile the glass will be reinstalled in it. The Council is organising the entry of Litchborough Park and High Pastures, and possibly also Wayside in the Best Street Competition. Meanwhile permission has been received to enter the Village in Bloom competition, although public liability has to be organised. The public complaint that the dog fouling bin on the National Trust land of Blakes Wood was not being emptied systematically by Chelmsford City Council, who installed it, will be queried by City Councillor Bob Shepherd. Council hoped that the hall carpark would be used more carefully, but no disability parking could be permanently installed.

The Council continues to explore the recent possibility of a mobile phone mast on the Sports Ground which would be 2-3metres above the tree line and would cover a radius of 2 kilometres from the mast.

The British Gas contract is about to expire and there will be a saving of £500 by changing to new providers which Council welcomed.

A free bus service from 10am will be provided for the polling station at the Hall for the General Election on 8th June.

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