

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September was well attended by the public. The majority had come to speak only regarding the further application for seven dwellings on land adjacent to Holybread Wood, locally k/a “the old mushroom farm”. One person spoke in favour of building houses, but not as proposed. However the majority spoke against and the Council agreed both to object strongly again and to strengthen the detail of its objections due to harm to the village appearance and problems of sustainability. County Councillor John Spence supported this position and also spoke on other issues. He had been dealing with a lot of correspondence on the recent flooding and had offered advice on the flood grant scheme. He was pleased that the roads were being repaired but noted that the flooding had caused cost implications where the 3year rolling programme for drain clearance had been affected because recently cleared drains had been re-blocked! He wanted feedback on the traffic lights at Eves Corner and was advised that they were working erratically at the moment and also assessment should wait for school term time . However he was told about a recent near accident when a driver had thought incorrectly that the traffic lights gave right of way onto the A414 and also about a traffic jam on the A414 due to the lights.

A member of the public raised concerns about the bad state of the ditch adjoining the football pitch at Wickhay Green and action was promised as soon as possible. Complaints have been made again about the bus service. There has been little response to the advert for volunteers to develop a new Neighbourhood Plan which will take about 2 years to complete and must involve 15-16 people. It is the new document to indicate village wishes on proposed developments.

Council supports the idea of three new flower beds from next Spring. Sites are currently delineated in blue at Spring Close, Aldeborough Green and the Memorial Hall. Costing has been requested.

Due to bad damage at the Memorial Hall, the refundable deposit scheme of £200 will be extended to villagers hiring it for parties. The owner of Trifarm has been visited and will provide details of their cycle rallies, but states that none are planned for this year.

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