

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 2nd June was chaired by Vice Chair Peter Irvine and was held half an hour early. There is major concern about the growing number of **burglaries** from sheds, garages and cart lodges in the village and relief that the Alert notice has now gone to every household. More Neighbourhood Watch notices can be obtained from rodbarrett276@aol.com. It was agreed that Peter Irvine should seek a meeting with the new Police Commissioner about this worry and also about the speeding cyclists. It was noted that in a recent bad accident in a neighbouring village the cyclist was wearing headphones! The Council continues to believe that there will be a fatal accident soon involving silent speeding cyclists on North Hill.

Council will write to Highways complaining that the car speed assessment (not including cyclists!) was done on bends & by junctions so any average does not reflect the concern about vehicle speed on the straight stretches of The Ridge. Additionally a written complaint will be made to the City Council about the planning officer's inadequate report on the Trifarm application for three major events at the Old Hall Reservoir (including 150 cyclists using our narrow roads and three protected lanes). It focussed only on protected lane Church Road, Boreham and not Little Baddow! Permission has now been granted! Since that is final, Trifarm will also be asked to liaise closely with the Council and also not to clash with village events such as Open Gardens.

There was no objection to any of the planning applications and also it was agreed to repair cracks in the Hall ceiling. The date for the Litter Pick next year was fixed as 6th April 2017 in the hope that such lengthy notice will increase the number of volunteers,

The 5-6year old roundabout at Wickhay Green has been removed and manufacturers contacted about an alleged design fault. The wood around its bolts rotted due to rain seepage and a lady's foot was bruised when the roundabout toppled onto it.

There will be a written costed plan for the next meeting on the idea to install flower displays at the new War Memorial, Aldeburgh Green and also a shrub and flower bed at Spring Close. There might be a possibility of volunteers being found to maintain each display.

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