

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October was chaired by Deputy Nic Cooper. In the development item there was no objection to two applications, but Council will express reservations about the design for a building at Hammonds Farm because it is so close to the listed farmhouse.

There have been many letters to the Council on various matters and action was agreed for all the concerns. Clearly the behaviour of some cyclists using our village roads, the parking on the pavements, problems of heavy trucks, hedges blocking vision at junctions, and speeding were all matters with which Councillors shared villagers' concern. Where possible action was being taken; but their biggest difficulty is with cyclists who are not actually causing a specific offence but are hazardous. One group had even used a bus stop and were alleged to be warming up by wheeling around in the road! The builders' hazardous traffic blockage on The Ridge is expected to stop by the end of October. Action is taken as quickly as possible when complaints are received about the footpaths and their signposts. The footpath map is now amended and will be printed and also put onto the website. The alleged perpetrator of the damage to our Holybread Wood including a blocked stream will be visited by Councillors and Police are aware. The bus stop sign for the Memorial Hall is being restored to its post!

The Council are aware of the poor condition of the turf on the football pitch at Wickhay Green. The cost of astro turf is being explored but this would need special footwear! Meanwhile the City will not be cutting designated grassy areas of the village at all from next financial year. It was agreed to do some extra cutting now to tidy for the winter and then the cost to the village will be discussed in the next budget talks. A new seat with back will be erected at the North Hill entrance to Heather Hills, at an angle to take advantage of the view across the valley from which the portfolio holder is willing to clear foliage. Our Council hopes that some villagers will stand in the Parish Council Election on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015. I hope that my reports have given an idea of all the useful work done by our current Councillors and Clerk to support us all living in this lovely village. *Details of items in this independent report can be obtained from the Council. GH.*