

## LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 3rd March 2016 had a lengthy development item. There were no objections to four applications, though with provisos regarding a window in one and depending on whether neighbours objected to another since the application had only been published yesterday. However two applications were more complex. In the case of one Council objected if, as seemed, it was to be a new build but not if it was a conversion of stables as stated even though these were described as derelict. In the second case Council had a split vote on the conversion of a garage into a two storey carer's accommodation. The majority supported the idea of only one storey and everyone noted that the Appeal Inspector had already objected to the two storeys stating that it would be there for the long term after the present owners. The Chair and another Councillor would attend the Appeal Hearing for the development of the old Mushroom Farm near Holybred Wood and the Chair would speak against.

It was noted that the current road repair programme in the area was resolving particular problems. A new drainpipe has been laid which has eliminated the leakage in Church Road. Meanwhile Council representations to the stables of the horse rider regularly using the pavement had failed to stop this illegal action and now there is a second complaint. In answer to a public question Elm Green School would be contacted as parents parking on The Ridge were clearly endangering other traffic. Councillors studied a photo of new parking damage on the grass in Spring Close and agreed that bollards were to be erected after all. Repair of the grass was also organised.

There was detailed feedback on the research into improving the mobile phone communication in the area. The Memorial Hall roof is not flat as needed for a mast and nowhere else has the land height to resolve the problem of all our trees. Residents were advised to apply to their phone companies for boosters for their homes. There had also been detailed investigation of the possibility of a daytime village event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Sadly no venue was available, so street parties etc were to be encouraged. The request to the owners for fencing for footpath 21 to prevent their horses interfering with walkers had apparently failed.

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