

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

Essex County Councillor John Spence attended the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September. He said that our local bus services were not being reviewed at the moment so will continue as now, and that a lot of effort was being made to repair roads, particularly those pot holes identified by Parish Councils. At public question time Simon Johnson requested that the history of the village on its website should be updated following the considerable increase in our knowledge, that more of the excellent footpath maps should be printed and that an overgrown footpath be cleared. Council agreed action on all points.

In the development items, there was one “no objection” and two where there was only partial “no objection”. In one case the Council was asked to comment on a change of use proposal and said it was important to consider the views of the owners of the neighbouring grade 2 listed building. The second case was an actual planning application, and after listening at the meeting to both neighbours’ concerns about potential light restriction to their property, Council only objected specifically to the two storey part of this application.

Two councillors had been up on the roof of the Memorial Village Hall to investigate its condition and said that action is urgently needed to prevent leakage. Their report was discussed in detail. It was agreed to seek free specialist advice on a proposal to erect a metallic simulated tile roof cover. There will be a report back to the next meeting. Meanwhile quotes would be organised for double glazing the upper windows, and for replacing the cladding including addition of insulation, all in order to reduce heating costs. It was agreed to block off and insulate the small unwanted stage window. The full internal re-decoration of the Hall may be in two stages to cross two financial years and the car park re-surfacing may now be postponed.

Council are concerned about the daily extensive parking of up to nine contractors’ vehicles on a bend in The Ridge which has created a very hazardous, busy, single track situation. Our Community Police Officer had been asked some days ago for action to prevent an accident but, worryingly, there is still no traffic control or warning! *Details of items in this independent report can be obtained from the Council. GH.*