

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 5th March 2015 was attended by four members of the public. Concern was raised about damaged kerb stones near a former pothole on North Hill so Council will also write to Highways. The bad pot holes in Church Road have been mended. However there is still running water creating hazardous gullies at its edges. Sadly a fortnight of dry weather is needed to prove whether this is a water leak or run off from the fields. If it is the former, then Anglian Water will be contacted for an urgent repair. A written request for permanent Blue Badge parking at the Memorial Hall was discussed. As this is a complex issue it was sent to the Hall Committee for detailed discussion and suggested action plan.

It was noted that there are five potential candidates for our Council and that there will be a full election, which is a very healthy situation. The Welcome Packs for new villagers are almost ready and the Parish Newsletter will also be distributed soon, well in advance of the Parish Assembly which once again will be an interactive event.

There were no objections to a large outbuilding erection, despite its independent access; nor to two house enlargements, although it was deeply regretted that one converted a bungalow to two storeys. However there were very strong objections to the plan for an extremely high and long close boarded fence being erected along the roadside for a house on The Ridge, fundamentally altering the area's "Arcadian look". Council also adopted a policy for dealing with overgrown hedges on footways and an action plan to deal with the continuing & extraordinary vandalism of the Council's board at Runsell Lane. It was noted that this was well within our boundary. There is a plan to involve the local youth in repairing the football pitch at Wickhay Green and to protest to the Post Office about the foolish alteration of the post box time at Spring Elms Lane to 9.05am. There are huge worries about the potential traffic problems of the proposed large housing development in south Maldon, as reported last time, and also that patients to the new Medical Centre will now only have a central reservation on A414, clearly contrary to disability requirements, rather than the previously planned pelican crossing!

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