

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of 6th October there were no objections to four development applications as long as a screen of trees was preserved in one case. However there was objection to an application to build a stable/storage block on land adjacent to Spring Elms Lane, stating that the siting was in front of the housing line & inappropriately near to this protected lane.

In the discussion about the revised Maldon district plan with its proposed 310 additional houses, Council agreed not only to repeat its concern, but also to mention that the situation would be exacerbated if 500 further houses were also built by the A414 in Danbury. This was stated in a protest advert in the Danbury Journal. Those in the field on Hopping Jack's Lane would be particularly bad as that is a route used to get to The Ridge from the A414 avoiding Eves Corner, whose lights have been put in ahead of any approval of the Maldon District plan. Our Council is monitoring their effect.

The Assistant Police Commissioner will attend the next Council meeting & also our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Rod Barrett to discuss the recent spate of burglaries & the speeding issue. Rod will be asked to raise the profile of our Neighbourhood Watch and the efficient Police messaging system. A working group was set up to decide which three locations would provide the needed evidence of the reality of our speeding problem and then efforts would be made to get Highways to do a new survey using these troublesome sites. Horse riders are the latest to complain about silent speeding cyclists!

The roundabout has now been repaired and reinstated at Wickhay Green. The ditch behind the goal post will be cleared & properly maintained as footballs land in it. Currently it is being investigated by Environmental Health. More footpath maps are being printed. It is proposed to work towards an entry into the national Village in Bloom competition in 2017 and a working party will start to contact folk for views & help. The bus route 31A is currently very unreliable which is causing concern so it is hoped for a meeting with Regal Buses. The pay phone near Spring Close will be disconnected as not used.

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