

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

At the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 villagers raised some concerns and one request. Extensive and prolonged parking by parents dropping children at Elm Green School across a two hour period in the morning plus afternoon pick up is blocking the safe exit from houses opposite the Generals Arms since the road becomes single track. The School will be contacted. Speeding on the Ridge is worsening and will be fully debated next meeting. There was a follow up to the reports on our weak mobile phone signal suggesting an aerial on Danbury Church (rejected). As our trees would still block, the advice is to link to own home broadband. There were complaints about the unsightly plastic fencing on the corner of Riffhams Chase & also the hedge at the corner of Colam Lane creating a blind corner. The public request was to be able to do further specialist archaeological research on the burial site in Heather Hills. Initial findings, currently at the History Centre, give evidence from the Iron Age and Mesolithic Age (5-10,000BC). A written report & news of talks with the Essex Wildlife Trust will be given to the next meeting.

In the planning item there was objection to a replacement stables as too large, no objection to a small extension, and major objection to the plans by Trifarm to extend parking (interfering with nesting of protected bird species) and hold three charity triathlon events for 150 competitors including cycling on local roads. Separately a charity request to hold a cycle challenge for 10 riders to cycle North Hill 118 times to simulate Mount Everest was also refused on the grounds of hazard to other users.

Worryingly the Maldon local plan is now going ahead as the previous Inspector's objection has been over ruled. The Eves Corner traffic lights have not started as BT has a connection problem. An idea is being investigated to reduce hazardous parking at Paper Mill Lock.

Council considered it was the responsibility of associations to update their own websites which it uses. It would pay for CRB checks for our Community Care group and licences for the open Film Group. Council is investigating installing flowering displays at key places. *Details of items in this independent report can be obtained from the Council. GH.*