

## Little Baddow Parish Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

The August meeting of Little Baddow Parish Council was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017. Seven Councillors were present.

The new Council website had to be activated because the site had been hacked. There were still some problems to be solved and some training required.

The Clerk and Councillor Richmond had completed Risk Assessment Training and updated Risk assessments for council properties were approved.. They will also re-evaluate and update the emergency plan as appropriate.

Two planning applications were considered and no objections raised.

Two councillors will attend the appeal for the development on land adjacent to Sandpit Cottage.

The Council had been invited to provide an exhibit at Chelmsford Museum. All interested societies in Little Baddow will be consulted.

The plans for the installation of a mobile phone mast at the Sports Ground were reviewed and agreed in principle. The mast would be 24 meters high but with an additional 3 meters for the antennae. A full planning application will be submitted in the next few

months. It was agreed to appoint a solicitor with experience in these matters to act for the Council. Some Councils in rural areas had appointed a Broadband Champion to inform the City and County councils on the progress, or lack of it, in their village. 2 Councillors offered to act in this role; John Robinson & John Scott.

There was a suspicion that because some parts of the village had good fibre broadband connections that the service was considered completed. But there is a substantial area of the village further away from Danbury with very poor connection speeds.

The Welcome packs given to residents new to the village had been updated.

The action plans were reviewed and next steps agreed.

The re-introduction of Speedwatch was discussed. 2 new volunteers were interested, Nic Cooper will liaise further with Rod Barrett and the Police.

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