

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

At the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November the organisers were praised for achieving an excellent response to the consultation event for our Neighbourhood Plan. As a result there is a high evidence base for a number of concerns including decline of small housing, expansion of high fencing and gates, speeding, cyclists, pedestrian safety on The Ridge, poor mobile phone coverage and also the difficulty of getting appointments at the Danbury Medical Centre used by our village.

Councillors have been doing the necessary risk assessments on various matters for which the Council has responsibility and particular concern was expressed about the playground roundabout. It is being repaired again but it has not been value for money.

Residents near Wickhay Green play area have expressed concern regarding suspected activity by drug users particularly during Friday evenings. Apparently Police cannot send patrol cars unless there is a volume of complaint so do please ring them if suspicious and worried, and get an incident number to pass to your representative on Neighbourhood Watch but don't go near yourself.

Thanks were given to Neighbourhood Watch for establishing the person responsible for the demolition of the bench half way up North Hill and they will be contacted. It was also reported that counterfeit notes have been circulated so please check your change. There has been one attempted break in so please guard your property.

The installation of depth markers for each end of the flood risk roads is almost complete and they will have sensors activated both by water & by volunteer nearby residents. The bus service continues to be unreliable, being late so folk go home - so it runs empty! County Councillor John Spence will be informed. However the Council gave a grant to our Community Support Group to fund "coffee outings" in Chelmsford using bus passes to encourage regular bus usage. Improvement of the sound system in the hall is one of the items now considered in the draft budget but there was also an appointment of a Councillor to ensure that all possible grants are accessed. Money will also be earmarked for developing the floral welcome to the village at the four village signs including elevating the displays.

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