

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 5th October there was a lot of concern that Trifarm have applied to make all their activities and buildings permanent. It was agreed to support Boreham Parish Council in objecting and in requiring the situation to remain temporary with regular monitoring. It was recognised that this is a worthwhile healthy activity. It is sad that Trifarm did not discuss implications with our Council from the start and have only recently recognised our Council's valid concerns and requests. Some activities can have up to 150 cyclists taking part!

The application for 2-4 Vica Cottages has been amended to include parking bays but Chelmsford Planning Committee was to be asked to assess their adequacy. The Council also suggested reduction to two houses to resolve parking. It was noted that small houses were needed in the village. Council objected to the application to turn one of a row of bungalows in Chestnut Walk into a two storey house. The mobile mast application has now been withdrawn. Council was reassured that large scale housing development of Hammonds Farm on our side of A12 was not likely to be approved.

It is essential that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation event on 14th October is well attended. Every statement in the final version has to have proven evidence of widespread support and this document will be crucial in all future village development decisions. Elm Green School and St Johns School are providing art work. Council will also be collecting evidence of how many people who require but do not have access to High Speed Broadband.

It was agreed to support the continuation of the archaeological dig in Heather Hills into 2018 as there have been many exciting finds. A car has smashed up the relatively new bench half way up North Hill and this will be investigated with a view to an insurance claim. Efforts are being made to publish information about 99A bus service. The mobile library service may be withdrawn in whole or part due to lack of use. There are now sufficient volunteers to begin to reinstate the Speedwatch campaign on The Ridge. Some information on the Council's website is still incorrect and urgent action will be taken. *Details of items in this independent report can be obtained from the Council. GH*