

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 11th January Councillors appreciated the reasonable response to their survey on the local availability of superfast Broadband. They will research the reason why 22.5% of responders had been told it was not available.

The problem of Elm Green School's parents parking opposite house driveways, particularly in the morning, was raised at public question time. The Headteacher would be asked to persuade parents to stop only long enough to drop off, and to discuss having more staggered timing. It was hoped that the Generals Arms publican would regularly allow parking. Council agreed that villagers should not have their entrances were blocked. It was not known who had parked on the village green but this was not acceptable.

There was also concern that vehicles were starting to park again in front of the village sign near the Mill House Caravan Park. Action will be taken to prevent this occurring at this attractive village boundary. Plans for the rejuvenation of the displays at the other village entrances were discussed. Costs will be agreed at the next meeting.

A Councillor reported further evidence of mounting public dissatisfaction with the administration of the Danbury Medical Centre. It was noted that the quality of all local medical services has been affected by an apparently significant reduction in health funding. It was agreed to invite an area senior medical practitioner to address medical service problems at the next Parish Assembly on 18th April.

When discussing the development plan to upgrade the porch of the United Reform Chapel and to reinstate the previous vestry entrance, the Council requested a change of plan to hardwood doors. It was thought that the listed building officer would support this change. The Council will work with Chelmsford Museum to prepare an exhibit about our village. Action has been taken to stop the felling of two protected old oak trees near Blakes Wood on Footpath 25 until the situation can be investigated properly by Chelmsford City Council. The Council was pleased that the bus service is now reliable!
Details of items in this independent report can be obtained from the Council. GH