

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2017

The Annual Assembly was preceded by an exhibition of 10 clubs and societies in the village.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday April 5, 2017 commencing at 7:30pm. The following members of the Council were present:-

Chairman: Dr N Cooper

Mr K Bonsor

Mrs M Coates-Jones

Mr M Richmond

Mr J Scott

Mrs M Buckley

Mr P Irvine

Mr J Robinson

Mr R Shepherd

Mr R Upward – Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Ms Jane Gardner, Deputy PCC, Mr John Gili-Ross, Chairman EALC, County Councillor John Spence, City Councillors, Ian Wright Councillor James Rushton, Woodham Walter PC and the representatives of 10 clubs and associations in the village. The total attendance was around 54 people.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor John Scott that the minutes of the last meeting are accepted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was carried.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

POLICING IN ESSEX

Ms. Jane Gardner, the Deputy PCC, gave an interesting insight into the strategic priorities of the Police Service in Essex and the challenges faced in trying to implement the necessary actions. She highlighted the actions being taken to improve front line response and to increase police presence to the public.

Questions from the public included the lack of feedback on crime investigations, speeding, cyclists, poor reporting to Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and the lack of a local police presence.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Chairman announced that the Council wished to recognise residents who had made significant contributions to the village community. Awards were presented to Keith Ferguson for his contribution to planning matters in the village, the emergency plan, the Living Landscapes project and his many years as a councillor and to Lynda Ferguson for her work on Open Gardens and St Mary's Church.

QUALITY COUNCIL

Mr. John Gili-Ross presented the Quality Council Foundation Award to the Chairman and congratulated the Council on achieving this award.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman was pleased to report that a team has been established to work on a Neighbourhood Plan for the village and encouraged more residents to come forward and assist the group.

The Rapid Response Team were thanked for their support for the village litter pick the previous weekend and for providing refreshments for all involved.

He thanked the Councillors, Clerk and the Hall Caretaker for their support and hard work over the past 12 months.

PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Councillor Richmond provided projected year end accounts.

CITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no questions to the City Councillor Bob Shepherd

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no questions to the County Councillor John Spence.

CHARITY REPORT

Mrs Margaret Martin presented the Almshouse Trust accounts and encouraged residents to apply for student grants from the Butler Trust.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The planned consultation on the future of Bradwell Power Station was brought to the Council's attention and was encouraged to develop a position and participate in the consultation.

The Council was requested to consider a more welcoming message at the village signs when they are to be replaced.

In response to a question about the new poles being installed at Spring Close and Hammonds Road, the Chairman advised that these were for automated flood warning signs which had been requested by the Fire Service to avoid call outs to stranded motorists.

There were complaints about the poor mobile signals and broadband speeds in the village.

There were concerns about getting appointments at the new medical centre as waiting times are much longer now the new centre is open.

Councillor Richmond thanked the Butler Trust for grants his daughter had received.

City Councillor Ian Wright stated the importance of a Neighbourhood Plan in terms of influencing the evolution of the village and encouraged residents to support the team in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairman thanked Ms. Gardner and Mr. Gili-Ross for their contribution to the meeting. He also thanked the members of the clubs and societies that had supported the Exhibition and the Little Baddow WI for providing the refreshments.

Mrs. Margaret Martin, on behalf of the residents, thanked the Parish Council for their time and effort over the past year.

The Meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Chairman
April 2018