

## LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2018

The Annual Assembly was preceded by an exhibition of 13 clubs and societies in the village.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday April 18, 2018 commencing at 7:30pm. The following members of the Council were present:-

Chairman: Dr N Cooper

Mr K Bonsor

Mr P Irvine

Mr J Scott

Mrs M Coates-Jones

Mr M Richmond

Mr R Shepherd

Mr R Upward – Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Dr Caroline Dollery from Danbury Medical Centre and the Mid-Essex Primary Care Commissioning Group, City Councillor Ian Wright and the representatives of 10 clubs and associations in the village. The total attendance was around 73 people.

Apologies were received from County Councillor John Spence and City Councillor Richard Ambor.

Dr Cooper congratulated the WI on their centenary celebrations this year and the Brownies presented cakes made by Mrs Anna Sheen in recognition of this achievement.

#### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Shepherd 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.

#### **PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN ESSEX**

Dr Caroline Dollery gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the challenges faced by primary health providers. These include an increasing and ageing population, a falling share of the NHS budget, the complexity of multiple ailments, requests for trivial ailments and general welfare support. Medical Centres are introducing other services, such as physiotherapists to free up doctor time for more consultations. Mid- Essex is investing over £4million in the next two years to provide 80 additional staff many of which will be shared between several Medical Centres.

In response to questions, Dr Dollery explained that the number of lines into the Danbury Medical Centre was limited to 4 by NHS constraints and that it would cost around £100k to convert to a call centre facility which is not affordable by the practice.

## **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 Mary Buckley for her 15 years as a councillor and to Suzy Opie for her long term support for Community Care, Sunday Lunch Club and the Almshouses.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman announced that Councillor Buckley was resigning having left the village and Councillor Robinson was also retiring after some 40 years on the Parish Council. He thanked them both for their valued contribution over many years.

He congratulated the Neighbourhood Plan Team on the recent survey which had achieved an excellent 38% response from residents. The results are being analysed and will be published in the next month.

The Speed Watch Team has a new camera and needs more volunteers. The Deputy PCC has been requested to provide a bodycam so that any abuse can be recorded for subsequent prosecution.

Dr Cooper thanked those who had responded to the questionnaire on broadband in the village. BT will need to be lobbied at the year-end if an improved service is to be obtained and the Council will contact residents later this year.

The Council is working on providing two defibrillators in the village, one at the phone box at Wickhay Cottages and one at the Memorial Hall.

There is continued demand for improved mobile phone service in the village and the results of the Neighbourhood Plan survey are awaited. There have not been any further approaches from service providers regarding a mast in the village.

Following efforts from Councillor Spence, the number of stops in Chelmsford has been increased on the 31A service but residents should use this service whenever possible as there is always the risk it will be withdrawn if uneconomic.

The Welcome Packs are being updated and the Council is considering a weekend event for new residents to meet the village clubs and societies.

Resurfacing the Hall car park will be a major expense and this is a medium/long term project.

The Butler Trust is available for educational support and residents should contact either Mrs Breeze, Mrs Godden or Mrs Martin for further information.

He thanked the Councillors, Clerk and the Hall Caretaker for their support and hard work over the past 12 months and Elm Green and St John's Schools for their artwork for the Neighbourhood Plan and the Newsletter.

## **PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**

Councillor Richmond provided projected year end accounts.

## **CITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

City Councillor Bob Shepherd provided a written report

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Councillor John Spence provided a written report.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was a request for training on the use of the defibrillators once they have been installed and concerns about the insurance aspect of the village-in-bloom installation near Mill House and the state of the car park at the Sports Ground.

## **VOTE OF THANKS**

The Chairman thanked Dr Dollery for her interesting talk on Primary Health Care and presented her with a floral display. He also thanked the members of the clubs and societies that had supported the Exhibition, the Brownies and the Little Baddow WI for providing the refreshments.

The Meeting closed at 8:37pm.

Chairman  
April 2019