

## **LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL**

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on July 15th, 2021. The Meeting commenced at 8:00pm. In attendance: -

Cllr P Irvine – Chairman

Cllr M Coates-Jones  
Cllr B Teal

Cllr Mr A Roche  
Cllr K Sheldrake

Mr I Wardle – Clerk

Members of the Public – 0

### **118/21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr D Ginn, Cllr K Bonsor and Cllr S Scott

### **119/21 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr K Sheldrake declared an interest in the sale of land known as the Mushroom Farm

### **120/21 Public Question Time**

No members of the public present

### **121/21 Mushroom Farm - Land Sale**

The Chairman, Councillor Irvine, provided a short history of the land known as the Mushroom Farm in Holybread Lane and that the current owner is looking to sell the land. Council had evaluated the option of purchasing the land on behalf of the village as an extension to Holybred Wood but concluded that the asking price and costs to clear the land of Asbestos was too large an investment.

Council discussed other options for the use of the land and resolved to support any owner of the land in splitting the site into two parts; the rear two acres being gifted to the village as an amenity and the remaining front section facing Holybread Lane to be retained for nominal development purposes. The owner would be expected to fully complete the remediation of the whole site with no costs accruing to the Council.

### **122/21 Paper Mill Lock – New Bridge Proposal**

Council discussed the information provided by Essex County Councillor John Spence at the Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July and any the next steps the Council should take. Council agreed to await the report from Cllr Spence following his meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July with Essex Highways about the option to repair the existing bridge rather than building a new one. An update will be posted on the website and social media to inform residents; Council will monitor the situation and determine any future actions required as new information is received.

The major issue for residents is the existing rising volume of traffic and the prospect that it could increase further if a new bridge and road improvements were completed.

### **123/21 Neighbourhood Plan**

Council discussed the update provided the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July. There was general support for the Neighbourhood Plan document but some concern over the Design Code document and the restrictions it might place on developments in the village.

Council resolved to apply for the Locality grant to cover the costs of retaining an external consultant to complete the draft and support the public consultation process. Once the consultants are appointed

Council were keen for them to address a meeting to assist Council in understanding all aspects of the documents and whether there are options around the Design Code applying only to developments over a certain size.

**124/21 Handyman Schedule**

Council requested the Handyman to build a planter at the village sign on Springs Elm Lane; the expenditure had been previously approved.

**125/21 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021** commencing at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 10.07pm.

**Chairman  
August 5th, 2021**