



The minutes of the Highways and Amenities Committee

The Council met at 8.00 pm on **Monday 17th June 2019** in The Parish Hall, Great Baddow. Councillor K Liley chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors K. Liley, A Sosin, Mrs J Sosin, Mrs C Shaw, P Sadowsky, Mrs V Chiswell

In Attendance: The Clerk of the Council

167/19 Apologies for Absence

No apologies received

168/19 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Registered Non Pecuniary Interests.

169/19 Minutes of the Highways and Amenities Meeting – 18th February 2019

The minutes of the Highways and Amenities meeting held on 18th February 2019 were signed as a true statement with the following amendment: item 682/18, 4th point should read Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and not Cllr Mrs V Chiswell. These were proposed by Cllr K Liley, seconded by Cllr A Sosin and agreed by all.

170/19 Public Question Time

There were five members of the public present for the meeting. Four members of the public asked the council about the LED lighting and their concerns they had over the reports that LED lighting can cause cancer. They asked several questions such as what had the council done about the lights after receiving the information? Why were residents being turned down for shields to be put on the lights? The council listened to the questions and advised that they would discuss all this in the agenda item.

The fifth member of public came to the meeting to advise of their concern over Molram Road meeting Southend Road slip way. They advised that the road had been made narrower and that it was just a matter of time before a head on collision happened. The resident brought with them a map of the junction. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Essex Highways regarding the junction and see if anything could be done about it.

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171/19 Clerk's Report

1. **Dog Waste Bins** – The original paperwork gave the designations for suggested new Dog Bins. This will be looked into by the Clerk as well as continuing to find out the cost from Chelmsford City Council for emptying the bins.
2. **Lighting in Noakes Place** – This has taken a back seat as there has been so many other items to consider. Once the new Assistant Clerk has arrived the Clerk will make sure this is completed.

172/19 Highways Issues raised by residents for consideration

None

173/19 Chelmsford Local Highways Panel

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2019 were noted along with the approved schemes list and the proposed schemes list.

The Clerk was asked to contact LHP regarding the bus shelter at Molrams as the report said that the council was waiting for Great Baddow Parish Council to agree ownership. It was agreed that the council would be happy to take on the maintenance.

174/19 Highways Schemes Priorities

It was agreed that the Clerk would again put forward a request for traffic calming measures to be put in place in Dorset Avenue with a speed restriction of 20 mph.

175/19 Lighting Matters

The Clerk advised that a letter had gone to all residents as regards to the light that the council wish to install in Sawkins Ave. The cut off date for replies, comments or concerns is Friday 28th June 2019.

176/19 Parking Matters

1. The parking situation was discussed re Meadgate and bus access and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Essex Highways asking if double yellow lines could instate in this area to try and help alleviate the problem. It was also suggested that the new councillors are approached to see if they would like to take this item on and see what if anything can be done.
2. The Parking outside Maldon Road shops was again discussed. The Clerk advised that the area was owned by Essex Highways. The Clerk was asked to report the state of the pavement to Essex Highways to see if anything can be done. Cllr K Liley advised that he had not received any further information re the parking issues and therefore this item can be taken no further.

177/19 Park & Ride Bus Survey

A discussion took place regarding the survey and it was agreed that the Clerk would complete the survey on behalf of the council advising that the council was

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not in agreement as they felt most people would not be able to afford the cost and it would deter people from using the park and ride, therefore mean more cars going into Chelmsford.

178/19 LED Lighting

Following on from the questions and concerns received from the public about the health and safety of LED lights a discussion was had and it was felt that the Clerk should write to Essex Highways to see what they are doing about the situation and what information had they received from such organisations as Public Health England and how they reacted to it. Jenny Chandler the County Councillor for Great Baddow is to be copied in. Cllr A Sosin was apposed to this and asked for it to be minuted that he felt no further action needed to be taken.

179/19 Speed Watch

A discussion was had around how to encourage residents to take part in a speed watch campaign. The Clerk advised that she was waiting to receive and quote for a SID to be purchased and she would continue to chase this up. Cllr K Liley said he was happy to be part of Speed Watch if he could. It was agreed that the Clerk would devise a poster and have this put up around the village.

180/19Matters for Information

The Clerk was asked to contact Essex Highways and ask for the overgrown bushes to be cut back on Maldon Road where there is the dropped kerb and everyone crosses as this was becoming dangerous.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm

Signed.....*V. Curwen*.....Chairman.....*8.7.19*.....Date