

North Baddesley Parish Council

Chairman's Report 2020/2021

Although this has been a challenging year with the covid-19 epidemic it has also been a very busy year.

Meetings:

11 Virtual Full Council, 19 Virtual Planning Committee, 3 Virtual Finance Committee, 6 Virtual Recreation Ground Committee, Recreation ground AGM, 12 Allotment Committee, 2 Virtual Test Valley Association of Town & Parish Council, Remembrance day, Play park, Defibrillator, Tennis, Skate park, Speed reminder Signs, Virtual Romsey future, Virtual and in person Hoe Lane Development some with Scouts and Contractor meetings.

May 2020

BPFC asked for loan to complete works to the football pitches, County & Borough councillor reports read out, Investigating connecting Pavilion to main sewer, Chairs at pavilion had book boxes cut off to allow to stack, Personal trainer starting at the recreation ground, Groundsman to clear footpath at Brook close, Written to Hampshire highways asking for improvements to Botley Road/Rownhams Lane junction after serious accident. Signed 4 year electricity deal for the pavilion. HCC asked if they could purchase part of the recreation ground for new cycleway.

June 2020

Men's Shed repaired basketball back boards. Unable to read Pavilion water meter. Deep cleaned bus shelters. Agreed to waive fees for Baddesley Park FC for 1 year. New licence for rear garden extensions. Comprehensive internal audit review. Increase in litter and vandalism at the recreation ground. Grant made to the Projects club. Fallen tree at Mountbatten Park removed. Discussed local resilience review. Upgraded Cisco Webex contract for virtual meetings. Tree at Tornay Grove.

July 2020

New drainage pipe at allotments. True Life Church arranging volunteers to help struggling allotment holders to maintain their plot through Covid-19. Post code for pavilion sorted out. Meeting with Scouts. New Boiler for Pavilion. New Alarm panel for Pavilion. Revised grass maintenance agreed. Measures put in place for reopening pavilion due to covid-19. New set of rules for tennis court use. Last year's Accounts reviewed and approved. Web site layout improved. Fallen Tree bow injuring 2 persons at Seymour Parade investigated. Pavilion Risk assessments reviewed. Received summary of proposals for parish improvements from Hoe Lane developers.

August/September 2020

Allotment notice board refurbished by Men's Shed. Paving slabs installed to improve drainage channel at allotments. Ditch for sewage pipe dug across football pitch to connect to main sewer. Defibrillator at All Saints Church replaced. BT repaired faulty phone line. New data plugs and electric sockets installed at pavilion. Parish plan set back due to computer crash. Archery range proposal added to negotiation for new scout hut lease. Advice re VAT and recreation ground charity accounts. Old web site taken down. Fallen tree at Queen's Ride removed. Heras fencing purchased to secure areas of concern. Insurances and asset register reviewed. Health and safety items purchased from report list. 5 year electrical installation check. New basketball nets. Local youngsters request for new skate park. Roundabout Copse complaints. Request for rewilding field near Mortimer Way. Borough Councillors investigating grants for adult exercise equipment for recreation ground and benches around the village. Report from Borough Councillors. Keep clear signage in front of gates installed. Solicitors appointed for Hoe Lane development paperwork. Permission sought from Southern Water to connect pavilion to main sewer. Children's climbing frame repaired.

October 2020

Co-op entrance repaired after request. Fertilizer applied to football pitches. HCC agreed to crown reduce trees at Seymour Parade. New ground earthing stake installed at pavilion. Map produced of Willis Fleming Estates land. Meeting with Hoe lane developers about play equipment for Mountbatten Park. Beadle hard copy will be printed for December. Tennis courts meeting to discuss upgrade. Cllr Wotton investigated improving parking around schools. Small fires by youths in Great Covey woods. New broadband package.

November 2020

Southern Water gave us permission to connect pavilion to main sewer. Cllrs Knight & Middlewich attended a reduced Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph. Bus shelters painted. Electrical safety checks completed and list of work to be rectified submitted. Pavilion roof drainage improved. Seeking quotes for new skate park. New battery for pavilion defibrillator. £1500 grant from HCC Cllr Alan Dowden & £4500 from Parish Council bought 2 Speed Limit reminder signs and applied for permission for sites around the village. Metal theft from gardens around village. Recreation ground charity AGM. New sign installed at entrance to recreation ground stating ownership by Parish council and home of Baddesley Park Football Club with all logos.

December 2020

New Parish Councillor, Faye Baker, co-opted onto council. Allotments shed break-in and vandalism. Pavilion patio paving and grass reinstated after earth ground stake installed. Confirmation of tree at rear of Tornay Groove has not got TPO. Meeting with a skate park designer. Beadle printed and delivered by volunteers. Grass maintenance & financial agreement made with BPF, no loan needed. 4 laptops & software purchased with grant monies for projects club. Increase in street lighting charges, negotiating with HCC on adoption of some lights. Cleared fly-tipping by overflow car park. Cllr Wotton circulated information on SINC sites around the parish. Concerns on land at Bracken Road.

January 2021

Shed at the allotments burn to the ground by vandals. New rules drawn up re flammable liquid storage. Electrical quote accepted for remedial works to the pavilion. Dog mess problem at Nutburn Road entrance to recreation ground. Licences from HCC granted for speed limit reminder signs, Application made to SSE for permission sent. Rear garden extensions at Mountbatten Park asked to move fences to original boundaries and make applications for sheds. CCTV camera's purchased to monitor areas of concern for fly-tipping. The parish precept agreed to stay at same as previous year. Community centre fence and flooding. Reports from Beadles café of anti-social behaviour and vandalism. Covid-19 group reported very few requests for help now. TVBC appointed a climate change councillor Neil Gwynne. Agreed to appoint lead councillor to all works to the pavilion and ground and guidelines to be issued to contractors.

February 2021

All councillors apart from Cllr Knight to stand down as trustees of the Friends of North Baddesley Library, MUGA missing panel reinstated. SSE granted permission for sighting of speed reminder signs on their lamp posts. HCC to adopt 3 areas of parish streetlights. Community Centre lease negotiations. Heads of terms received from Hoe Lane developer. Public footpath from Hoe Lane investigated. Youth & Community Club received grant from Nation Lottery. Meeting with Scout re heads of terms from Hoe Lane developers. Meeting with TVBC about relinquishing the lease to the community centre. Full text of S106 agreement re Hoe Land Development.

March 2021

2 Trustees the of Library address the council after HCC had decided to withdraw support to the library, Parish gave assurance of continued Parish support. New allotment procedure for allocating vacant plots. New defibrillators installed at scout hut and the Bedes Lea Public house. Agreed to locate the next financial year's defibrillator to the dental practice on Rownhams lane, Men's shed given a donation to fix all the defibrillators to positions. Extra electrical works agreed for pavilion. Tennis Courts sprayed and Jet washed, Agreed to purchase chemical treatment sprayer and to apply every 6 weeks. 2nd quote received from skate park designer unfortunately over budget. Extra-large brackets ordered for the speed reminder signs. March Beadle delivered by volunteers. Request for dragons teeth posts to prevent parking on the verges along Fleming Avenue. Request granted for

Brownies to use land at Bracken Road or Mountbatten Park free of charge. Resident expressed interest to run a coffee shop at the pavilion, a stainless steel table, cooker and induction hob bought from the village hall. Discussions on having a youth councillor on the parish council. Cllr Wotton to spend her vice chairman's allowance on packets of seeds for school children. Attended a meeting on the future of Romsey. Finance meeting discussed the relationship of the council to the charity, it was agreed to clearly separate the two entities, to rename the council's committee for recreation to Estates committee and for the charity to ask the council to lease the recreation ground facilities to the Recreation ground charity for a peppercorn rent. Meeting with scouts & Hoe Lane developers to sort out the heads of terms agreement to the best interest of all parties, recommendations were made and would be drawn up to sign. Circus given permission to visit the parish in September. BPF informed us that they would start training and matches from 3rd April following government advice. The speed limit reminder sign batteries have been running down fast due to being triggered often. A request for dragon's teeth to a grass verge in Mortimer Way to prevent parking. Query over the parish council precept transpired that although we tried to keep the council tax the same as last year unfortunately resulted in a 1% rise due to fewer people paying through exceptions, it was agreed that we ask TVBC for eligible band D properties for tax just before we set next year's budget. Allotment holder asked for new fence to be erected between them & the recreation ground to help stop trespassers from entering and causing damage.

April 2021

PCSO came to give a report of the situation due to the increase in vandalism and fires around the village in the last few months, She reassured us that extra PCSO's were being deployed to the area and that some of the trouble makers had been visited. Southern water had investigated the meter to the pavilion & disagreed that it could not be read. Electric works to the pavilion are nearing completion and request to change all of the lighting to LED's was granted, also the issue with the thermostats had been resolved. A request for the council to purchase its own jet washer submitted. Tree to the rear of Tornay Grove removed. The old tractor has been sold. Contractor chosen to remove trees from the rear of one of the rear garden extensions. An old Ransom gang mower has been given to the council & the groundsman's request for a fenced hard standing next to the garage was granted. Agreed Parishioner of the year award would take place at the June Full Council meeting. Cllr Wotton resigned from the Parish council due to other commitments, a new vice chairman would be elected at the AGM and the councillor vacancy advertised in the normal way. The pavilion broadband speed had dropped significantly again, BT have resolved the problem. Letters regarding speeding at various locations in the village had been received responded that the speed reminder signs will be rotated around various sites and data collated. Drainage around the children's play park is being looked into by groundworks engineers and asking HCC for a site meeting re the new cycleway as this may have an impacted.