

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**  
From the January 2008 Meeting

**Parish Council Precept 2008/9:** The Parish Council agreed to precept the District Council for a sum of £19,000 – no increase on the 2007/8 precept.

**Highways Matters:** it was noted that work had finally started on the drain at the top of Station Crescent, which should prevent water from St. Stephens Road running down Station Crescent. The cracking on the footway just over the bridge is being reported to the Highways Department. Highways have advised that, whilst the new side road warning signs for Newport Avenue and St. Stephens Road (Fambridge Road end) have been designed, they cannot now be ordered until the new fiscal year. However, it is hoped that the carriageway markings (speed restrictions) along Stow Road between Cold Norton and Stow Maries will be completed soon.

**Street Lights:** there are currently 4 street lights not working (on Latchingdon Road: entrance to Bardwell's yard, junction of Hackmans Lane and junction of Howe Green Road and on Stow Road: opposite Three Rivers Golf Club) these have been reported to the maintenance company.

**Playing Field:** The North Fambridge Youth Football Club (which numbers Cold Norton children amongst its members) had submitted a request to continue using the playing field for its teams for possibly up to two years whilst work is carried out on their new playing field – the Parish Councillors agreed.

**Footpath 20 (Crown Road):** unfortunately the request for a platform over the very wet section of this footpath has been turned down as the Public Rights of Way Officer has advised that this would cost in excess of £10,000. Alternative, less costly, ideas will continue to be investigated. Meanwhile cutting back as requested will be carried out ASAP.

**Graffiti:** has been removed from the bridge and the Clerk is attempting to contact the owners of the old fire station/Dear Dolly site to ask them to remove the graffiti from their hoarding.

**Parish Council Meetings:** scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2008: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. All meetings start at 8 pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

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