

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the January 2009 Meeting

Parish Council Precept 2009/10: The Parish Council agreed to precept the District Council for a sum of £19,000 – no increase on the 2008/9 precept – this is the third year running the Parish Council has kept the precept at the same amount.

Completion of the Annual Audit: the Audit Commission has completed work on the 2007/08 audit and has returned the Parish Council's certified Annual Return for the financial year ending in 31st March 2008. Copies of the Annual Return will be displayed in the two locked notice boards – the original may be inspected by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Planning Applications: the Parish Councillors considered two planning applications at this meeting – the first related to Pantile Hall, Honeypot Lane for a loft conversion and the second to White Acres, Crown Road for one 4 bed bungalow with basement and one 5 bed bungalow with basement – the Councillors had no objections to either application.

Vehicle Activated Signs: Members were advised that the two VAS speed signs had been serviced by the engineer and then checked using speed recognition devices and were both now found to be working correctly.

Dog Fouling: The Parish Councillors were advised that on 18th December 2008 Maldon District Council adopted The Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Maldon) Order 2008 under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. This order came into force on 5th January 2009 and will mean that it is an offence not to remove dog faeces from any land within the administrative area of Maldon District Council. This will include any land which is open to the air, including covered land which is open to the air on a least one side, and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment. MDC intends to issue fixed penalty notices to enforce the order – the payment will be £80. A copy of the order is available free of charge on the Council's website www.maldon.gov.uk or in hard copy upon request at the council offices in Princes Road, Maldon.

ECC Public Consultation on the Future of Minerals Planning in Essex: a public consultation considering where the county's future mineral extraction sites should be located, how to better protect mineral resources and whether all new building projects should use a proportion of recycled materials. The public consultation takes place from 15th January to 12th March 2009. The Minerals Development Documents may be read at the local library or council offices, or on the following website: www.essexcc.gov.uk/MDD-Consultation For More information contact: Minerals Helpline 01245 435555, Minerals & Waste

Planning, E3/County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1QH or email mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk .

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2009: Wednesdays 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December. 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.

Annual Parish Meeting: is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

To contact the Parish Council: please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.