

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February 2009 Meeting

Affordable Housing for Local People: Prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting the Councillors and Visitors heard a short presentation from the Rural Housing Enabler from the RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex), including how to ascertain firstly if there a need, and to then take the appropriate action to try and work towards meeting the need identified, working with the local authority and a housing association. The Councillors will review the literature supplied and will discuss the next step in the process at the March meeting.

Planning Application: There was only one planning application for the Councillors to consider at this meeting, relating to trees covered by a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) at 34 St. Stephens Road: TPO15/96 T28 and T29 Oaks – lift crown to 4m and thin by 15-20% - the Councillors had no objections to these works.

Highways Matters: Four members of the Parish Council will be meeting up with two representatives of ECC Highways department in February to ‘walk’ around the village to inspect and discuss various highways matters such as the problem with the new pram ramp at the bridge, overgrowing/overhanging vegetation, the new ‘keep clear’ signs at the school, water on Latchingdon Road near No.46, signage in the village and worn out pavements/footways.

Two Temporary Road Closures: the first from Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th February 2009 09.30 to 15.30 hours - carriageway surface treatment works: B1012 Woodham Road/B1012 Lower Burnham Road/South Woodham Ferrers/Stow Maries/North Fambridge. The second from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March 2009 09.30 to 15.30 hours – carriageway surface treatment works: B1012 Lower Burnham Road/B1012 Maldon Road North Fambridge/Purleigh/Latchingdon/Althorne/Burnham-on-Crouch.

Cowpiece Nature Reserve: as soon as possible a working party will clear the brambles etc from this site and install a new ‘bridge’ at the entrance to this area.

Allotments: Members were advised that the decision to transfer ownership of the village allotments from Maldon District Council to the Parish Council was ratified at MDC’s Full Council meeting.

Public Rights of Way: Two of the Parish Councillors, Professor Barclay and Mr Litscher together with Cold Norton’s Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Representative, Mr Hawes, will be attending later this month several free training sessions relating to footpaths organised by ECC’s P3 department, including PRow legislation, health and safety, twig identification and designing a footpaths leaflet.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2009: Wednesdays 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.

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