

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

**Planning for Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation in the East of England:**

members were advised that the Government is inviting views on the draft policy which can be viewed on [www.goeast.gov.uk](http://www.goeast.gov.uk) . The public consultation period runs from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – the Parish Councillors will view and plan to discuss at the next PC meeting.

**Playing Field:** the Councillors approved the cost of £845 ex VAT to purchase suitable approved material for the ground in the enclosed children's play area. Two working parties have been organised – one to remove all the bark in the area at present, transferring any good bark to the area around the slide and the second to install the new material. Regarding the hard standing – awaiting written quotes from two companies who have agreed to quote to make good the damage in this area.

**Dog Waste Bin:** the members were advised that the bin on the bend in St. Stephens Road had been taken out of the ground, but will be reinstalled ASAP.

**NATS:** the Councillors were advised and had been given copies of a leaflet relating to the proposals re the use of air space in this area. The proposals can be viewed at [www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation](http://www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation) The Councillors agreed to view on line and plan to discuss at the next meeting. The Clerk has put copies of this leaflet on all the notice boards in the village, plus there are some copies in the information rack at the village hall – but if anyone would like a leaflet please contact the Clerk for a copy. The consultation period runs until 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008.

**District Councillor's Report:** District Councillor John Archer advised that he had attended a presentation from British Energy regarding Bradwell Two. District Councillor Archer also confirmed that the owner of The Norton was appealing against the decision made by Maldon District Council for planning permission to change the public house to a residential property.

**Parish Council Meetings:** scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2008: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June. 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:** Will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm in the main section of the Village Hall (following the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee, which will start at 7.30 pm)

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