

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the July 2006 Meeting

Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2006: the Parish Council accounts had been audited by the internal Auditors, ASAP Office Services Limited. The statement of assurance was read out and agreed by all PC Members present, the return was then duly signed by the Chairman. The accounts will now be forwarded to the external auditors, Lubbock Fine, for checking and signing off.

Site Meeting with Highways Representatives: this took place on 3rd July and involved the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk walking around the village with two highways representatives reporting/discussing various problems within the Parish, such as the cutting back of vegetation alongside the footway to Country Produce, drain problems outside the school, at the corner of The Fairways and opposite the coal yard. Various damaged/missing street signs were also discussed, together with the water problems in the ditch opposite Burnham Avenue and the 'leak' near Bardwell's yard. The 'sinking' manhole cover and leak at the point where Latchingdon Road becomes Stow Road meet was also included in discussions. These, and other problem areas noted, will be dealt with by highways as soon as possible.

Public Transport Consultation: the report detailing the results of the consultation which took place in April in Cold Norton (thank you to those who came along and took part) has now been received. Cold Norton figures included the opinions of a cross section of ages – in fact within the Dengie consultation area, Cold Norton showed the highest participation of the under 25 year olds - special thanks must go to Billy Guppy and Samantha Edwards for very kindly distributing leaflets on the school buses and encouraging the boys and girls to take the time to participate in the consultation. All the information gathered as a result of these consultations has been submitted to County Hall to be included in the Dengie Transport Report to determine transport priorities for the region and future planning. The report from County Hall is now awaited.

New Bridleway: the Public Rights of Way Officer is approaching the Bridleways Association to assist with the cutting back of this new bridleway, but if there are any volunteers, who would be willing to help, please let the Clerk know.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meeting scheduled for: Wednesday 6th September 2006, 8 pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. (NB there is not usually an ordinary meeting in August; extraordinary meetings will be called if necessary for items such as planning applications requiring responses before the next ordinary meeting)

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