

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the September 2006 Meeting

Pedestrian Crossing/VAS Signs: problems are still occurring with the VAS sign at Crown Road. Highways are reviewing the best course of action to rectify the 'short vision' of this sign. It has also been noted that the other VAS sign is also being activated by traffic going in the opposite direction to which it is supposed to monitor. This has been reported to Highways. Following a question posed by a resident, Highways have advised the Clerk that these VAS signs do not have battery back up (NB some do), so when there is a power cut affecting the village they will not operate, however when power is restored they automatically reset themselves. The Clerk was asked to write to the new head teacher at the primary school to welcome her to the village and to request that parents bringing children to school by car do not park in St. Stephens Road, but use the village hall car park and walk the children across to the school using the new pedestrian crossing.

Water on Latchingdon Road near Bardwells Yard: Highways have now received the Flowline Report which advised that the system is clear and therefore the problem is caused by a leak - this has been reported to Essex & Suffolk Water.

Station Crescent: the problem of this road being damaged by the water flowing down it due to overflowing/blocked drains in St. Stephens Road was discussed. Parish Councillors have asked the Clerk to discuss with Highways the possibility of Highways including the 'private' drain at the top of this road in its clearing schedule and the creation of another drain in St. Stephens Road up from the entrance to Station Crescent.

Maldon District Council Street Lighting Policy: this new policy of turning off certain lights at certain times was discussed. The street lights in the village are the responsibility of the PC. It was agreed to monitor what happens elsewhere in the district, but the majority of PC Members were in favour of keeping the lights on all night as at present.

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. (This is a repeated request from the July meeting)

Parish Council Meetings in 2006 scheduled for: Wednesday 4th October, 1st November and 6th December, all to commence 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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