

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the September 2007 Meeting

**Playing Field:** good news that the manufacturer is going to replace the 'sinking' play equipment – date still to be advised. Bad news that our Village Caretaker has reported that all the small trees and saplings that had been planted around the playing field have been broken or removed - even though they were protected by tree guards and stakes.

**Rubbish collection, road sweeping and recycling:** the Parish Council has been contacted by Maldon District Council's Contract Monitoring Officer regarding these services – are arrangements satisfactory? Please contact the Clerk if you have any comments regarding these services.

**Essex Police Neighbourhood Action Panels (NAP):** these are being introduced throughout the Maldon district to help in providing solutions to local problems. The panels will meet approximately every 8 weeks and local residents are invited to attend the first part of each NAP to raise items for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at Purleigh Village Hall. For more information please contact Maldon Police on 01621 852255 or contact the Clerk for a copy of the full notice received.

**Minerals and Waste Development:** everyone in Essex uses minerals and discards waste and everyone can contribute to planning decisions and policy making for Essex regarding these areas by reading the draft of the Essex County Council's 'Statement of community Involvement' on line at [www.essexcc.gov.uk/SCIconsultation](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/SCIconsultation) or at the library or Council Offices and submitting comments – public consultation period closes 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

**Cold Norton Web Site:** apologies that this was not updated during the summer - the operator had major technical problems.

**Police Matters:** as, unfortunately, some of you will be well aware, there has been a spate of car thefts in the village, many from cars/garages left unlocked! Our local PCSO Stephen Butler urges you to lock your cars and garages and not to leave any items on display. PCSO Butler's mobile number is: 07958 379451.

**Parish Council Meetings:** scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2007: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December (NB changed from the first to the second Wednesday of the month for the remainder of this year). 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.

**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](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.

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