

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the September 2008 Meeting

Halloween Party in the Park: Members were advised that Southminster Parish Council and Essex Police & Community Safety Partnership will again host an event on the King George V Memorial Field, Southminster on 31st October – open to all children of the Dengie: ages 0 - 9 years from 3.30pm to 6pm; ages 10 – 18 years from 6.30pm to 10pm; wide variety of activities - all free. As this event is open to children from Cold Norton the Parish Councillors agreed to donate £50 towards the costs of the venture. Posters will be put up shortly with full details of the event.

Planning Applications: The Parish Councillors considered two planning applications at this meeting: firstly, an application for the installation of solar hot water panels upon the front roof slopes of the new dwellings under construction on the site of The Old Coal Yard, Latchingdon Road and, secondly, an application relating to Pantile Hall, Stow Road requesting permission for the retention of the 1.25 metres high fencing currently in place. The Councillors found both applications not to be harmful.

Highways Matters: As a means of reducing speeding along Stow Road The Parish Council had requested Cold Norton be considered for a 'vehicle activated sign' on the Cold Norton Parish section of this road. At this meeting Members considered and agreed to the site proposed by the VAS supplier's engineer and Essex County Council.

Village Hall Project: The Parish Councillors were advised that the stage 2 application to the Big Lottery had been submitted and that a decision should be known in about 6 months. The Parish Councillors all acknowledged the hard work and effort which had been put into this over a very long period of time by Roger Hawes and Mary Bryant.

Vandalism: Prior to the school summer holidays vandals had completely broken the lid to the sand box in the enclosed younger children's play area, broken all the little sand toys inside belonging to Pre School and put broken glass into the sand – the Village Caretaker emptied all the sand and repaired the lid fitting new padlocks, but before fresh sand could be put inside the vandals kicked in the sides of the sand box. The Parish Councillors have agreed that the sand box should be repaired again. The PCSO is making random visits to the playing field to deter this, but do please call the Police if you see anyone carrying out acts of vandalism, which is costing Cold Norton rate payers money.

North Fambridge Youth Football Teams: as their field is still unusable they will be using the Cold Norton playing field most Sunday mornings starting on 14th

September. Cold Norton children are very welcome to join; for information please contact Mark Meyrick on 07850 014529.

Parish Council Meetings: scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2008: Wednesdays 1st October, 5th November, and 3rd 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.

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