

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the September 2009 Ordinary Meeting
(Plus two extraordinary meetings in July and August)

Planning Applications: The extraordinary meetings were held primarily to consider planning applications – these were for St. Stephens Church for a wooden outbuilding as housing for a toilet; for Ferris House, 17 Ferris Avenue the application was for first floor front extension over the existing garage and single storey rear extension and for Two Square, St Stephens Road the application was for removal of a planning condition from 1964 which limited occupation of the dwelling to persons employed or last employed locally in agriculture or forestry or dependents of such persons – the Parish Councillors had no objections to any of the above applications.

At the September meeting the Councillors had nine applications to consider – there were no objections to 7 applications, namely: Pensarn, Lower Burnham Road for a roof conversion, side extension and conservatory to bungalow; Barn Lea, Lower Burnham Road relating to a small hay barn; Two Square, St. Stephens Road to demolish the dwelling house, garage, sheds and all other outbuildings, erect replacement dwelling house and cart lodge and change of use of nursery/garden centre to domestic garden and garden to orchard/paddock; plus four applications relating to Stow Maries Aerodrome for renovation of WW1 water tower, demolition and rebuilding of brick piers, renovation of former pilots' ready room and erection of 2 wind socks, new and replacement huts for WW1 Museum. With regard to the application from Stow Maries Aerodrome seeking planning permission for the renovation of former generator house to provide living accommodation for site security manager the Parish Councillors had no objection to this providing it is linked to the heritage usage of the site – the Councillors have also requested that if Maldon District Council grants permission that a condition is attached to the consent which will only allow use of this living accommodation by the person employed on the site in the security role indicated in the application. The last application considered at this meeting was for a new dwelling house for Broadacres, Hackmans Lane (in a new position) the Parish Councillors objected to this application as the site for the new replacement dwelling is outside the village development boundary, in open countryside and proposed in a conservation area - contravening several local plan policies set in place to protect the landscape and character of the area.

Please note that the above is only a summary of each application and the Parish Council's response to Maldon District Council, where the final decision is made – if you wish to view the actual plans and all relating correspondence to these or any planning applications please visit the MDC web site on www.maldon.gov.uk or the District Council offices in Maldon.

Housing Needs Survey: the findings of this survey have been supplied to all the Councillors and at the October meeting the Rural Housing Enabler from the Rural Community Council of Essex will discuss the results and the possible next stage.

Vandalism: the report from the village caretaker advised details of many instances of vandalism in the playground during the school holidays – regarding the boat the Councillors agreed that the boat should be removed if it is not worth repairing again. The graffiti on the hoarding of the Old Fire Station still hasn't been removed despite promises from the owners to one of the Councillors. The Clerk will write to the owners.

ROSPA reports: the Council has now received these in relation to the playground and Cowpiece – the Council will consider and action as required.

Emergency Planning: Mrs Garnham has had some volunteers come forward and will be having a meeting with the Maldon District Council Emergency Planner and the volunteers in the Autumn for the handover of the log book etc and to set up some emergency exercises.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2009: Wednesdays 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December and in 2010: 13th January. All meetings will start at 8 pm in The Purleigh Pavilion, Howe Green Road. Please note this alternative venue whilst works are carried out to 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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