

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2008 Meeting

Playing Field: Members were advised that Cold Norton had won an award in the Best Kept Playing Field Competition 2008 – the exact award will be announced and presented at the Essex Playing Fields AGM on 30th October being held at Essex County Cricket Club in Chelmsford, in the presence of Lord Petre, Patron for Essex Playing Fields Association. Members were advised that work should start shortly relaying the tiles around the children's swings. The rather large pot holes in the hard standing have now been 'erased' – quotes for this work had been excessively high, so thanks were conveyed to Alec Paul and Charles Litscher for kindly carrying out this work. At this meeting the Parish Councillors approved a quote to rectify the 'crater' which had appeared in front of the one remaining metal goalpost.

Village Hall Project: Members were advised that two representatives from the Big Lottery Grant Fund visited the village and hall a couple of weeks ago. The project team are responding to questions raised at this meeting and it is now expected that the application will go before the Big Lottery Grant committee in November and that the results should be known before Christmas.

Cowpiece: the Members discussed putting together a working party to clear the area and remove the redundant fence panels.

Footpaths: Members were advised that most jobs outstanding should be completed within 4 weeks. The Clerk was asked to convey thanks to the Public Rights of Way Officer for the material that has been laid on the bridleway, making a vast improvement to this surface for both walkers and riders. The Clerk was also asked to advise the PRow Officer that a section of Footpath 20 (Crown Road) was again very wet and to ascertain if any new materials had come to light which may alleviate this problem.

Planning Applications: the Parish Council Members considered two planning applications at this meeting: they found the application relating to Norton Hall, St. Stephens Road to be harmful and will recommend that Maldon District Council refuses permission, the second related to Two Square, also in St. Stephens Road – this application was deemed not to be harmful and will therefore be recommending that the District Council grants permission. Members were advised that an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate in relation to Palepit Farm, Latchingdon Road, Purleigh FUL/MAL/08/00566, appeal reference APP/X1545/A/08/2083066/NWF relocation of agricultural barn.

Highways Matters: Confirmation was conveyed to Parish Councillors that work relating to new signs for Fambridge Road, St. Stephens Road and Newport

Avenue were now all complete and that work to replace the cracked sections of footway from the bridge to Country Produce had also been completed.

Parish Council Meetings: scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2008: Wednesdays 12th 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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