

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**  
From the October 2009 Meeting

**Completion of the Annual Audit:** the Audit Commission has completed work on the 2008/09 audit and has returned the Parish Council's certified Annual Return for the financial year ending in 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. A copy of the Annual Return is displayed in the notice board outside the school – the original may be inspected by contacting the Parish Clerk.

**Planning Application:** There was only one planning application for the Parish Councillors to consider at this meeting: a single storey rear extension to The Poppets, 30A Latchingdon Road – the Councillors had no objections to the works proposed.

**Temporary Road Closure BT Replacing pole and cable Rectory Lane, Latchingdon starting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 for 2 days 9.30 to 15.30hours:** Members were advised: The road will be closed for its entire length from the junction with B1018 Burnham Road to the junction with B1010 Lower Burnham Road. Diversion will be via: Route 1: B1018 Burnham Road; Burnham Road, Althorne; B1010 Fambridge Road; B1010 Lower Burnham Road and vice versa. Route 2: B1018 Burnham Road; The Street, Latchingdon; B1018 Cold Norton Road; Fambridge Road; B1010 Burnham Road and vice versa.

**Housing Needs Survey:** At this meeting the Members had an open discussion with the Rural Housing Enabler from the Rural Community Council of Essex in relation to the results of the recent survey which had identified a need for affordable housing for ten households which the Members were advised under planning guidance leads to a recommendation of 5 homes. The Rural Housing Enabler outlined the procedures involved in going forward, which involves selection of a housing association, identifying suitable land, drawing up plans and holding a public meeting. Following the Rural Housing Enablers departure the Councillors discussed the results of the survey and possible locations in relation to the MDC review of the Local Development Policy which is currently ongoing. The Councillors recognised that a real need had been identified, but because of the MDC review, agreed not to proceed to the next stage until this LDP review is complete.

**Vandalism:** The sandpit and play boat in the enclosed younger children's play area have now both been removed due to further vandalism.

**RCCE/Calor Essex Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition 2009:** The Parish Councillors had been supplied with a copy of the judge's form – it was noted that whilst the village hadn't won a prize it had scored well in most areas except the benches which may have been judged before the Caretakers annual renovation.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2009: Wednesdays 4th November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December and in 2010: 13<sup>th</sup> 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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