

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the April 2010 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** there were two applications for the Councillors to consider at this meeting: the first reference FUL/MAL/10/000163 related to Dunromin, Fambridge Road, Cold Norton for demolition of dwelling house and construction of new dwelling house including change of use for part of the site from paddock to residential – the Councillors objected to this proposal because it contravenes the Parish Council's Planning Policy: the proposed dwelling is outside the village development boundary and the development proposed is too large in scale and does not reflect the size of the current dwelling it is planning to replace. The second application, FUL/MAL/10/00220 related to Lords Acre Nursery, Lower Burnham Road for retention of the office/rest area – the Councillors agreed that as this site is closer to the Parish of North Fambridge that they will follow the lead set by North Fambridge Parish Council in regards to this application.

**Highways Matters:** the Councillors were advised that:

- the pram ramps at the railway bridge have now been completed
- Signage at corner of Howe Green Road had now been changed to a format more suitable to a rural setting (However it was reported that one arm of the sign is now missing – Highways will be notified)
- Footways along Latchingdon Road from St. Stephens Road to The Norton have now been repaired, also foot way along St. Stephens Road
- Pram ramps at corner of St. Stephens Road and Latchingdon Road have now been implemented (Highways to be consulted re crossing sight line)

**Footpath linking footpaths 14 and 28:** Members were advised that Essex County Council Legal Services have advised that this route is subject to public rights and it will be added to the Definitive Map.

**Vacancy on the Parish Council:** this was created by the resignation of Paul Guppy. As a bye election had not been requested, the Councillors agreed to co opt Mrs Sue Garnham to the Council.

**Village Appraisal:** the last time this was done was in 2000. The Councillors feel it is now time to carry out another one to have a more up to date snapshot profile of the people who live in the village, plus details of their needs and wishes for the future of the village – this will help the Parish Council to prioritise and channel its funds and efforts in line with these wishes. As a starting point a Village Appraisal Committee will need to be formed to decide what should be included as part of this consultation exercise appropriate to today's way of living and future hopes for the village and its community. If you would like to be a member of the Village Appraisal Committee, or are new to the village and would like to see a copy of the village appraisal from 2000, or have any questions please contact the Parish Clerk. All are welcome - ideally the committee will include a mix of ages, male and female. (At a later stage volunteers will be needed to distribute/collect the questionnaires).

**Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2010: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May (the ordinary meeting will be preceded by the PC AGM), Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July. All meetings start at 8 pm in the Committee Room (St. Stephens 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.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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