

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

December 2011 - January 2012

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan

Boxted Parish Council have been put forward for a £20,000 grant by Colchester Borough Council to assist in producing a new Neighbourhood Plan. These are new plans being introduced by the Localism Bill which is expected to become law in Spring 2012 and will enable parish councils to 'create policy' for their area with regards to development and planning decisions, as well as looking at many other things. There are several stages required to produce these plans which will include full local consultation and a local referendum on the draft document produced by the parish council. Once details of whether or not the grant funding bid has been successful, the Council will be looking at how to proceed with this.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

The Council will be considering ideas for an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee next year at their meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11th January 2012. Anyone who has any ideas or is interested in helping with such an event should contact the Clerk to the Council or come along to the next meeting to find out what is being planned and how you can help.

Speeding, Straight Road Boxted

Essex County Council have recently carried out a speed survey on behalf of the parish council and the results show average speeds of

North-east bound	35.0 mph
South-west bound	34.5 mph

If the parish council wanted to consider measures such as a Vehicle Activated sign then this means that we would only qualify for such a sign for the North-east bound direction. Additionally any such measures would have to be funded and maintained by the parish council and the costs of finding a suitable site for such a sign could also be extensive. It had been hoped that funds may be available from the development at St Peter's school to accommodate the increased pupil numbers but it seems that this will not now be the case.

More detailed information is being obtained from Essex County Council in readiness for the parish council meeting in January when the Council will be considering this matter further.

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council
Items from the 1 November meeting

Rural Housing Enabler

Moira Grozborg, the Rural Housing Enabler employed by the Rural Community Councils of Essex (RCCE), spoke about improving the provision of affordable housing for local people. If there was a need, the Parish Council would work with a Housing Association and the RCCE to identify sites outside the village envelope that might be available for building.

Planning

The following decisions have been made by Colchester Borough Council (CBC)

111421: A12 Shell Allstop – new 7.0 m sign refused.

111594: Pertwee Holdings, Lodge Lane – Solar Panels were approved.

The Parish Council commented on the following applications

111853: Ramsden Hall School – there were no objections to renewal of permission for continued use of part of the playing fields for stabling.

111866: Willow Grove, Grove Hill – a retrospective application for change of use from residential to mixed residential/business use. The Council felt certain conditions should apply.

Lopped Trees

CBC have arranged for the rangers to remove the debris.

Bus Stops

It was agreed to ask for a stop at the Community Centre. A map showing the regularised bus stops in the village would be published.

Severalls Lane Travellers' Site

The Parish Council will keep an eye on developments, look at other sites and maintain contact with the site manager. The intention is to liaise with Boxted and Myland over contacting and visiting other travellers' sites.

Recycling Centres for Household Waste

The Lawford centre is to open only 5 days a week, from 9am instead of 8am. The summer late opening on Tuesdays will stop. More information will be provided when known.

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