

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

February 2011

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council

We are still investigating the possibility of having an allotment site somewhere in Boxted. We have identified a piece of land that may be suitable and we are currently awaiting contact from the owners of the land to confirm whether or not they would be happy to see this land used for allotments. Whilst the new Clerk has a list of people who have indicated that they would be interested in an allotment, if you have not been contacted and would like to add your name to the list please telephone the Clerk on 01206 329019.

A new Youth Shelter has recently been installed on the Recreation Ground with the help of grant funding from Corey Environmental and the County and Borough Council's Community Initiatives Fund and we are continuing to look at further ideas for adding to the facilities for the young people in the village.

We have recently reviewed our budgets for the financial year April 2011 to April 2012 and are pleased that we have been able to keep the Precept on Colchester Borough Council at the same level as last year meaning that the Parish element of your Council Tax Bills will not be increasing this year.

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council
Items from the 4 January meeting

Planning

CBC planning decisions were as follows

101761: Travellers Site, Severalls Lane

Approve conditional

102062: Land adjacent to Ashgrove Cottage

Approve conditional

102250: Illuminated sign Apex 12, Old Ipswich Road

Approve conditional

101161: Unit 14, Lodge Lane

Approve conditional

102169: Land adjacent to Alefounders Barn

Approve conditional

Outstanding appeals against refusal of planning permission are:

**DTLR Appeal Ref: A1530/A/10/2138685/WF:
Gridleys, Chapel Road**

100706: Land adj. C'est Moi, Birchwood Road

Parish Council responses to applications were:

102303: The Queech, Wick Road - No objections.

102569/102570: Holly Tree Cottage, Dedham Road

We have concerns that the new build almost doubles the size of the existing listed building, largely fills the south end of the plot and should be in proportion to the current listed building but note that the plans are in keeping and character with it. However, should the present plans be necessary to bring the present listed building up to 21st century standards of habitation and be supported by the Borough and English Heritage, we consider the applications acceptable.

Bus Shelter

There is a need to formalise the bus stopping points in Langham and bus users will be asked where they want them to be. The Council wished to retain the grant for the bus shelter and find the location at which most bus users wished it to be.

Recreation Ground

Some hardcore will be left by the entrance to the playing field. This will be helpful on bonfire nights, especially in bad weather. The adult exercise equipment will now be ordered.

Annual Precept

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