

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

July & August 2011

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

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Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council

Items from the 7 June meeting

Broadband

Mrs Thorpe Director of BT's Regional Partnership for the East of England said the most optimistic scenario for rural communities such as Langham would be for Essex County Council (ECC) to obtain funds from the Government for a universal broadband service improvement. Langham could pay for wireless services and get far superior broadband speeds to those currently available, but rapidly changing technology is might make it sensible not to commit to more than an 18-month agreement. She noted that wireless broadband depended on line of sight transmission and that there could be capacity problems if there were large numbers of users.

Planning

110199/110200: an extension to Red House, Dedham Road—approved by CBC.

110875: Fen View, Moor Road - Conversion and new rear extension—no objection by Parish Council.

Roads and Transport

It was agreed to add a request for a stop outside the Community Centre when the report of the bus-use survey is submitted to the county Council.

General Purposes

The topic of the eco-friendly village was discussed. The few schemes that are available:

- Feed in Tariffs (FITs)
- Renewable Heat Incentives (RIH)
- The Green Deal (new government scheme –not yet operational).

For the Community Centre

- Solar Electricity (photovoltaic panels) or Solar Water Heating
- Heat pumps (ground or air source)
- Biomass boilers
- Combined Heat and Power unit
- Wind Turbine

Perhaps any renewable scheme would be best considered when the time comes to replace the existing equipment. However, before considering renewable energy projects, properties must already be as energy-efficient as possible.

Litter Pick

This will be on 2 July between about 9.30 and 11.30am. Anyone prepared to help should contact David Winter (322301) or Elizabeth Schofield (272448).

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