

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

March 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 1 February meeting

Fox House

The estate agent will be contacted to ask for the shrubs obstructing visibility at Chapel Road to be cut down.

Planning

CBC planning decisions

102303: The Queech, Wick Road – extension.

Approve conditional

Parish Council responses to applications were:

CC/COL/120/10: Ramsden Hall School, School Road
- continued use.

No objections.

102686: 2 Orchard Cottages, Wick Road

Whilst we see no real problems with this application in planning terms, we do have two concerns: it is a large extension which unbalances the total structure on a site which is central, visible and at an entrance to the village; and extensions of this size diminish the number of smaller properties in the village, thereby limiting the lower end of the local property market.

State of the Roads

Cllr. Bottwood is following up the state of the roads with Highways. Any other feedback would be helpful.

Recreation Ground

The Council will investigate the possibility of purchasing the old Community Shop to use as a store. The exercise equipment will be put on hold.

Work Clubs

Anyone who is interested in contacting the work clubs, currently available at Highwoods, Greenstead, Newtown and Berechurch should contact the Clerk.

Mobile Police Station

This will no longer visit Langham but will be available in Dedham on Tuesdays.

New Parish Councillor

Cllr Schofield or David Winter will be happy to talk to potential applicants for the vacancy.

Garden Club & Good Companions

If anyone is interested in resurrecting these clubs, please contact the Clerk or a member of the Council. There are substantial funds from the previous Garden Club to help start a new one.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012

The idea of a Village Party to celebrate this event was raised. Any ideas or opinions will be welcomed.

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