

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

November 2011

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council
Items from the 12 October meeting

Camping Close – New Car Park

Boxted Parish Council have now placed an order for the works needed at Camping Close to transform the unused area next to the Graveyard into a car park extension to accommodate additional car parking for the church. It is hoped that the work will be completed within the next few weeks.

Sports and Social Club

Plans are now well advanced for the existing Sports and Social Club to be dissolved and for full management of the building, including the bar to be handed back to the Parish Council. The exact details of how this will be managed going forward are still under discussion but it is hoped that the move will put the Sports and Social Club on a more secure footing for the future.

Boxted St Peter's Primary School

The Parish Council were disappointed to note that, despite having opposed plans to increase pupil numbers at the primary school, the increase proposals have been granted by Essex County Council. The plans for the new building work needed to accommodate the additional pupils were considered at the October meeting of the Parish Council and the main concerns raised were the issues relating to the increased traffic that this will bring to the village and the ongoing problems of speeding in Straight Road. Essex County Councillor Anne Brown will be attending the Planning Committee meeting at the end of the month and will be looking at obtaining various traffic calming measures for the village should the planning application be approved.

LANGHAM

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

Planning

Colchester Borough Council's (CBC) decisions are:

111353: The Plovers, Ipswich Road. Demolish and rebuild cart lodge – *approve conditional*

111483: Langham Oak Cottage, Park Lane. 3-bay cart lodge and garden/games room – *approve conditional*

The Council commented on the following applications

11594: Pertwee Estate, Lodge Lane. Solar Panels

- *no objection*

Powerplus has agreed to remove fence and hedging by 17 October.

Recognition of Local Heritage Assets

Langham has been chosen to take part in a pilot scheme to look at heritage assets in the parish. The feeling is that sites such as Hornestreet Field, Boxted Airfield, the American Monument and the War Memorial should be included. Residents will be asked for their comments. This "local listing" approach will not affect the planning process.

Homestead and Little Oaks

These were declared surplus to service. The Council is in agreement with Ramsden Hall School, and awaits the County Council's response.

Lopped Trees

CBC has contacted Carters to ask them to clear debris from the verges and in fields on Langham Lane and Dedham Road. If this is not successful, the Council hopes the Rangers will be able to carry out the work. As a fall back, David Isted will be asked to quote for clearing the debris.

Broadband

Councillors have met Michael Snaith of CBC, which sees itself as an enabler. It is not providing any money, but will help the chosen digital suppliers with such things as access to locations possibly suitable for wireless transmission. There has been a meeting with Briskona, a chosen digital supplier similar to Buzcom and County Broadband.

Housing

It was agreed that the Rural Housing Enabler should be asked to speak at the next meeting.

Hopper Bus

Residents are urged to vote for the continuation of this service if they feel it is worthwhile. The web site is www.communityforce.natwest.com/project/5078.

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