

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

October 2012

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council

Boxted Neighbourhood Development Plan

You should have received with this Newsletter a questionnaire, which follows on from the Open Day in July, which is seeking more detailed information on your views relating to various matters which you have already highlighted as being important for Boxted. We really need as many responses as possible to ensure that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is truly reflective of your own personal visions for the future of Boxted. The results from the answers you give on the questionnaire will be used by the Parish Council to shape the things that the Neighbourhood Plan will look at moving forward, so this is your chance to influence that process.

You can either complete the questionnaire online (full details of how to do this are detailed on the questionnaire and will be provided on our website www.essexinfo.net/boxted-parish-council) or send the completed paper copy back in the postage paid envelope provided. Whilst the envelope is addressed to Colchester Borough Council this is because they are assisting us with analysis of the results and also because they have the facility to provide the Freepost envelopes. However, we can assure you that the completed questionnaires will remain completely confidential and also anonymous as there is no need to include your name and address. Thank you for your help in this matter - the results will be advertised via the Newsletter and our website once they are available.

Walnut Grove/Orchard Farm

We have received lots of responses from villagers who have memories of walking the footpaths around the Walnut Orchards for many years and the Parish Council will be using these as evidence to see what action, if any, can be taken to reinstate these popular walks. Whatever happens, this is likely to be a lengthy process taking many months before we can conclude what will happen here and there are no guarantees that we can secure any action on this matter but we will, of course, explore every option. Many people have also complained to us about development on this site. Colchester Borough Council enforcement officers are aware of the situation and are monitoring this and taking action in accordance with set down guidelines and the law. A planning application has been submitted for this site for which the Parish Council have submitted a lengthy and strongly-worded opposition to the plans.

LANGHAM

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

Mrs Patience Buckley, the manager of the new Severalls Caravan Park, attended and answered questions:

- the barrier on the entrance will be permanent;
 - residents may leave the park for 6 weeks a year;
 - the field next to the caravan park is being kept ploughed to deter illegal camping;
 - all children of school age are in school;
 - all adult males at the park have regular employment
- Mrs Buckley thanked the Parish Council for its support.

Members of the public asked the Council to consider:

- providing a strip of land for wild flowers;
- what they would like from the Primary School;
- ways of reducing the morning and afternoon traffic problems at the school;
- having overhanging vegetation on Wick Road cut.

Planning

Colchester Borough Council has approved:

- The Sidings, Moor Road – Side Extension
- Alefounders House, Park Lane – Extensions etc
- Ashbrook, Chapel Road – Extension
- Willow Grove, Grove Hill – Gate & re-positioning of parking

The Parish Council's comments:

- Glebe House, Rectory Road – Conversion of the former coach house. Provided listed building requirements are met, no objections.
- Priory Cottage, Nightingale Hill – Extensions.
No objections

Lodge Lane Business Park - outline planning application for the demolition and re-erection of industrial buildings. All 5 remaining WW2 Nissen huts would be kept. The new buildings are starter units and are unlikely to be higher than the existing buildings. The planning committee was generally in favour of the development.

Telephone Box on Dedham Road

The Council will consider the purchase of this K6 red telephone box for £1 so that it stays in its present place. Mr Gamble was thanked for clearing up the box and planting flowers around it.

Highway Improvement Projects

The proposed expenditure includes £30,000 for bus stops in Langham.

Broadband

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