

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the September meeting

Skate Boarding Park

A resident has asked about the possibility of constructing a skate boarding park. Public opinion will be sought in the Village Plan questionnaire.

Footpaths

There have been complaints that a "quad bike" rider has threatened dog-walkers on land west of Langham Lane. The Council is taking appropriate action. Boxted Parish Council has been contacted to tell it of the action taken and to find if similar complaints have arisen in Boxted.

There is a proposal to close the footpath running alongside the garden of Keeper's Cottage to the edge of Hobday's Wood and replace it with a longer diversion. The Council opposes the proposal and seeks more details.

Food Waste Recycling

Colchester Borough Council's (CBC) waste food recycling scheme will be introduced in Langham in early November. Householders will be issued with a kitchen container for waste food, which may then be emptied into a larger outside container for eventual collection.

Recreation Ground

The stile leading into the fields to the south of the Recreation Ground has been replaced by a gate. The Council is grateful to those who helped erect it.

The first football matches have been played on the renewed turf.

Proposed solar farm

Planning Committee members will meet representatives of CBC Planning Policy Department to gain general information about renewable energy in the context of Push Energy's proposal to erect two arrays of solar energy (photovoltaic) panels on land south of Park Lane. They will then visit Push Energy and, if possible, an operational site. If they think it opportune, they will invite Push Energy to the next Council meeting.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LANGHAM

Applicants for affordable housing at Whitehouse Close or Spencer's Piece in Langham should:

1. first register their request with Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Gateway, and then the relevant Housing Association, *informing Langham Parish Council of their intentions*; then
2. complete the required notification form for CBC and the relevant Housing Association's application form.

The authorities concerned with affordable housing in Langham are:

Colchester Borough Council
(Tel. 282569) - 11 houses/flats in Wick Road

Colne Housing
(Tel. 244700) - 6 houses in Spencer's Piece, School Road

Genesis
(Tel. 878859) - 7 bungalows in Whitehouse Close, High Street.

For advice in following the procedure for a successful application, please contact Parish Council Chairman Elizabeth Schofield (272448) or Parish Councillor Christopher Garnett (272479) or any other parish councillor.

WHO ARE THEY?

This picture of Miss Boxted 1971 and her supporters was taken at the opening of Boxted Village Hall (*see front page*).

The picture is among the many papers held by Annette Whybrow as Boxted's Local History Recorder. If you can tell Annette about these young ladies, she would be pleased to know.

Annette's brief covers the present as well as the past and she wants to maintain the record of the current everyday life of Boxted. This includes information about activities and events in the life of schools, churches, clubs and societies. There are no rules about what should be recorded and so she would be pleased to know of anything that might be thought a "happening". It would be useful to have photos of physical changes to the landscape, such as the demolition or erection of buildings and of events such as last year's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

It is up to everyone to decide what they want future generations to know about "the way we were" and so, if you would like from time to time to contribute a little bit of history, past or present, contact Annette (*details on the front page*).

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