

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

September 2011

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council

St Peter's School Boxted:

Proposal to increase pupil numbers

The Parish Council have recently received electronic copies of draft plans from architects, with regard to building works that will be necessary should plans to increase pupil numbers at the school be approved by Essex County Council.

We have been informed that there are plans to make paper copies of the plans available for public viewing at the School and as soon as details are available we will publicise this information so that everyone can have a chance to look at them and comment. Meanwhile, the plans have been added to the Parish Council **website (see below)** under the heading "**Boxted St Peter's School Consultation**".

The architects have advised that this is a consultation phase only and that no definite plans have yet been prepared for planning application purposes.

Boxted Parish Council will be considering the draft plans presented more fully at their next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7pm at Boxted Village Hall.

Boxted Sports and Social Club

Following on from the disappointing news that the bid to the Big Lottery Fund to improve and extend the existing Sports and Social Club building has been unsuccessful a new sub committee has been set up by the Parish Council to take full control of the running and ongoing maintenance of the Sports and Social Club. The details of how this will be effected are still being discussed but it is hoped that it will put the club and the Sports and Social Club building in a more secure position for the future.

Website

Our new website is up and running:

<http://essexinfo.net/boxted-parish-council>

Clerk at the Coffee Café

The Clerk to the Council, Denise Humphris, will be available at the Coffee Café at Boxted Village Hall on Tuesday 6th September 2011 at 10.45am.

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council

Items from the 5 July meeting

Broadband

Councillors summarised the meeting they had recently attended from which it seems Essex County Council (ECC) need to put in a bid for funds to help upgrade broadband. The Clerk mentioned CBC's plans using their CCTV infrastructure which will be clearer by the end of July. Other Councillors will be attending a meeting organised by the EALC later this month. A survey is needed to see what backing there is for wireless broadband, and provided this can be obtained without long term commitment, it may be a sensible short term option until fibre optic cable is available.

Planning

110987: 1, Hillcrest Cottages, Greyhound Hill – Rear extension

No Parish Council objections

111015: Langham Oak Cottage, Park Lane – Cart Lodge with adjoining garden room & storage

Langham Oak Cottage is a listed building and the Council considers that it should be in keeping and character with the property and may be subject to Listed Building Consent. As the present proposed building has the potential for change of use to accommodation, the Council considers that any planning approval be conditional upon its continued present intended use. Other than this the Council has no objections

111042: Shell Allstop, A12 Langham – Renew tanks & fuel dispensers

No Parish Council objections.

111107: 2, Orchard Cottages, Wick Road – Extensions and Alteration

No Parish Council objections

Powerplus

Powerplus now has temporary approval for 5 years for a reduced number of parking spaces. If Powerplus expands, the 5 years will give time to find a more suitable site.

Roads and Transport

- Road repairs have been completed, with the white-lining to be done.
- Langham Lane has been marked for re-patching.
- The Northern Approach Road is scheduled for completion by the end of 2012.
- A planning request is in for Cuckoo Farm Park & Ride, though there is no budget for it.
- The results of the bus survey will be posted on the village website

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