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September 2010

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Paul Evans, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Parish Council has obtained grants from both the Community Initiative Fund and Cory for the Youth Shelter.

At the July Parish Council meeting, officers from CBC and the Company who would run the site gave a presentation on the plan to situate 2 large wind turbines for power generation near the Cuckoo farm Park & Ride scheme. The interesting point made that the installation of the Wind Turbines would ensure that there could no linear housing development along Straight Road. They also said that the Parish Council might benefit from the income generated by the site.

At the July meeting, Danny Douglas (RCCE Transport) asked the Parish Council whether they would support a ticket sharing scheme between the 2 operators of bus services to Boxted. The Parish Council fully supported this proposal.

At the October meeting of the Parish Council, Colchester Community Transport will coming to tell us about what they can offer the people of Boxted. Please come and listen to them.

County Broadband are looking into the possibility of providing a wireless broadband service. The service would depend on the land owners giving permission to mount repeaters at suitable points.

Please send me the location of any blackspots in the Parish of mobile telephone provision.

In these financially pressed times, it would be appreciated if all users of the King George Playing Field would take their rubbish home with them.

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public. So please come along and listen. If you want to say anything formally it needs to be an agenda item and so contact the clerk at least 1 week before the meeting.

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council

Selected items from the 6 July meeting

Planning
100856: Primula, Moor Road - Single storey rear extension, no objections.
101161: Lodge Lane – proposal to extend a building. Kiln Wood at Lodge Lane is felt to be the last bit of ancient woodland in Langham. If this is listed as ancient woodland, developers need permission to chop anything down.

Mr Gittins's Public Consultation
360 flyers were distributed and 157 replies received (43.6% response), representing the views of over 340 residents. Apart from support for further development at the Gun Hill industrial site, over 95% of the respondents were against the other proposed developments. Thanks were expressed to Martin Bottwood and Rob Clark and their distribution team and to all the residents who completed and returned the flyers.

Speed Review Strategy
Speed limits on County roads will be reviewed with Essex County Council (ECC) looking for uniformity with the Government's new strategy. It is a good opportunity to put forward our views.

Vehicle-activated sign in Park Lane
A site meeting was planned for next two weeks, depending on the availability of people to clear the vegetation.

Bus Shelter, Moor Road
The Council will be investigating alternative sites.

Recreation Ground
There has been a problem reported with the playground gates swinging back and injuring children and the supplier will be contacted; a warning notice has been attached.

Essex Playing Fields is to be contacted to arrange for a visit to discuss proposals for controlling rabbits.

Community Centre
Cory Environmental Trust has awarded a £10,000 grant for the Community Shop element of the extension.

Travellers' site
The ECC and Colchester Borough Council have still not settled queries on land ownership.

Concessionary Travel Passes
ECC is running a consultation process and all interested parishioners should submit their opinions. Contact details are on the Council's notice boards.

Bonfire Night
The 2010 Langham Bonfire Night will be on 6 November, in aid of the Recreation Ground. The gates will open at 6 pm. Tickets (£6 adults, £2 children) will be available in advance from Bob Schofield (272448) and David Winter (322301).

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