

# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

February 2010

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

### LANGHAM

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 JANUARY

##### Residents' questions

There were questions concerning the Powerplus Engineering Ltd and the Whitnell Group proposals to relocate all the commercial firms based at School Road Farm Buildings to a new Local Employment Zone west of the A12 and east of Wick Road with new village housing and open space off School Road. None of the 13 members of the public present supported the proposals. The Parish Council would be meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 10.00 am to 11.30 am to finalise a letter from the Parish Council to the Inspector. Members of the public were invited to attend if they felt they could contribute to this letter. It was suggested that members of the public could attend the LDF panel meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February (and further monthly meetings) at 6 pm in the Town Hall and speak for 3 minutes on the proposals. Individual letters are worth sending to the Inspector as the more letters there are the more likely it is that the Inspector will read them. As more information comes available, the Council will try to add this to the Langham website.

The poor state of the footway from the Community Centre to School Farm Buildings was reported and the Council will write to the Highways Authority asking for an urgent inspection as the footway may be dangerous.

##### Colchester Borough Council Planning

Application 091273: Apex 12, Site Sign,

Old Ipswich Road - refused

Application 091397: Applewoods, School Road -  
Extension - approve conditional

Application 091415: Southfield, School Road -  
Extension. Plans were withdrawn.

##### General Purposes

Cllr. Watson gave a presentation on the extension to the Community Centre. It is hoped that grants will be forthcoming for most of the work needed, but subject to a proper audit of our resources, if additional money was needed to complete the project, up to £20,000 should be made available.

##### Roads and Transport

- A grant has been applied for a bus shelter opposite the Shepherd and Dog
- A further letter concerning the proposed Vehicle Activated Sign on Park Lane will be sent to the immediate households explaining the next steps, and the reasoning behind the siting decisions.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30 pm Ray Smith of ECC Highways, and various Councillors and members of the public met to discuss the parking problems in School

### BOXTED

We regret that, for reasons beyond our control, it has not been possible to include material from Boxted Parish Council in this first Supplement to the Newsletter. Items from the minutes of the Langham Parish Council meeting of 5 January have therefore been included in full.

##### Roads & Transport contd

Road. Ray Smith would not concede there was a problem.

- Terry Knights will be looking into the flooding outside School Farm Buildings.
- The replacement of fibreglass reflectors at Whale Bone Corner is to be investigated.

##### Housing

Because of the bad weather, the renovation of the Scandinavian style house on Wick Road has been delayed.

##### Footpaths

Mr. Rix has agreed to a permissive arrangement by which residents may walk along the field side to the north of Park Lane. This will then give access to the footpath which goes from Park Lane to School Road.

##### Finance Report

A list of payments (£4,853) was circulated as part of the financial report.

##### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd February 2010 at 7.30pm.

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