

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

October 2011

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council
Items from the 6 September meeting

Planning

The Council commented on the following applications
111353: The Plovers, Ipswich Road – no objections to replace the cart lodge

11483: Langham Oak Cottage, Park Lane 3-bay cart lodge with garden/games room (resubmission of 111015). The council has no issues provided the amended application fulfils the guidance provided by Colchester Borough Council (CBC) planning services and be in accordance with listed building requirements.

111421: Shell Allstop, A12 northbound – new 7.0 m high pylon sign - no objections.

National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF)

The Council has received a reply from CBC:

- the NPPF is intended to support the Localism Bill.
- CBC will respond to the draft NPPF;
- the NPPF implementation timescale depends on the responses received and the Government's action;
- will the NPPF supersede the LDF? CBC will try to obtain a certificate of conformity with the NPPF;
- in the absence of detailed guidance on the relationship between the CBC local plan and a village neighbourhood plan, the parish council could start to investigate this area.

It is felt that the housing allocations will be reviewed because Myland is unwilling to accept the number of houses scheduled for it, leaving 1,200 houses to be farmed out, possibly to the villages. It is rumoured that developers are buying as much green field land as possible to the north of the A12, which would affect Boxted, Langham and Great Horkelesley.

Broadband

There have been meetings with Buzcom, a wifi company, and Callflow Solutions, a local loop unbundling company with wireless transmission from a fibre source to a Callflow cabinet next to a BT cabinet. When Buzcom has the coverage for this area, its service will cost a maximum of £185 to set up and £12.25 per month, and will provide speeds of 12.5 mbps, assuming there are no problems with the wireless connection. Callflow will require £10,000 to £15,000 per cabinet, and would provide speeds of 20mbps or greater.

Housing

It was agreed that the Council should approach housing associations to do an affordable housing needs survey in Langham.

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