

# Stansted network

## NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

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### PARISH PLAN UPDATE

The number of questionnaires completed so far is as follows:

- Main questionnaire 970
- Youth questionnaire 70
- Business questionnaire 30

Analysis of the answers submitted in the main questionnaire is now being undertaken but **THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOU TO RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE – YOUR VIEWS WILL BE INCLUDED.**

A renewed effort will be made through September to increase the number of returns from our youth and businesses.

It would be helpful for the working parties to review their work once the questionnaire analysis is available. If you wish to be part of a group or send in ideas, please contact the Chairperson:-

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Once the analysis of the questionnaire is absorbed then the results will be published after which the Council will be looking to produce a draft of the Parish Plan which will then be put out for consultation.

**\*\*DON'T FORGET – KEEP YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES FLOWING IN\*\***

### NEW LIGHTING CONTRACTOR

A new contractor, who will undertake maintenance of the street lights, has been appointed. The charges are around are certain to be higher, the full impact of which will be borne next year. The bulk clean and change of bulbs for all lights will be undertaken in the near future while estimates are being sought to repaint the lighting columns in the Conservation Area. The Council apologises for the poor service during the period in which there was no maintenance contractor.

### FACILITIES ON FORESTHALL PARK

Approximately 35% of the new development falls into this parish with the remainder situated in Birchanger parish. The Council is delighted to welcome the growing number of new parishioners on Foresthall and recognises that there are areas which will need care and attention. Discussions are taking place with Uttlesford District Council and the developers about funding for equipment on the two play areas and the maintenance of the verges. If, however, any resident has suggestions as to what should be included on the play areas, please contact the Clerk – Mrs Ruth Clifford, preferably by email: **parishcouncil@stansted.net** or by telephone on 813214.

### IMPROVE HIGHWAYS AND SAFETY AS FORESTHALL PARK DEVELOPS

A meeting between Stansted Mountfitchet and Birchanger Parish Councils and Essex Highways recently took place to discuss the priorities for spending the money provided by the developers under the Section 106 Agreement to improve highways and road safety arising out of the development. A further meeting will be held in October.

Stansted Parish Council has identified the following priorities:

Footway along Forest Hall Road  
Traffic calming on Walson Way  
Widening of footway, Church Road

The pedestrian crossing adjacent to the Mountfitchet Mathematics & Computing College has already been completed while the bus shelters are in hand (or so we are told!!). If you have any comments or ideas please contact us.

### **PARKING IN LOWER STREET & GROVE HILL**

A meeting is due to be held with residents to consider proposals by Essex Highways to alleviate residents parking in Lower Street between Flutes and the Youth Centre and the traffic flow problems on Grove Hill. Having heard the representations, further discussions will then be held with Essex Highways.

### **NEW EMERGENCY TEXT SERVICE**

This new service for the deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired means that instead of ringing 999 in an emergency, they can text a message to 07624 800102 and receive a similar priority.

However, members of the public must register to use the service, which is designed for those who are d/deaf – an all-encompassing term to denote everyone with a hearing-related disability – and/or speech-impaired.

Anyone wishing to register for the emergency text service can do so by:

- filling in a form online – visit **[www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)** and click on the Test
- Messaging link under How to Contact us on the front page
- contacting the Essex Police switchboard on 0300 333 4444 and asking for an emergency text registration form
- visiting their local police station front office and asking for one

Once registered, they will receive a special ID card, sponsored by Essex Police Authority.

### **UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS A NEW HEALTH CENTRE**

At a public meeting on 8 September, the PCT provided the following update.

The new centre is proposed to be located on land (not precisely specified) behind Chapel Hill and Silver Street with access in from Chapel Hill and the exit on to Silver Street. Detailed design work is still in progress with discussions taking place with the local Doctors' practice, the Clinic, the District Nurses, Dentist, the Developer and Uttlesford planning. This phase of work should be completed by end of October after which final costings can be made and the Heads of Terms agreed by the end of the year. Assuming success, a planning application would be submitted in the New Year. Given that approval is forthcoming the new centre should be in operation in 2011.

The Primary Care Trust has indicated that it is likely that further information will be released before the planning application is submitted and possibly another public meeting will be held.

### **HELP!!**

Has anybody out there any knowledge of the Army Camp at Hargrave Park? A soldier who was stationed there in 1950/52 and now lives in Australia, has been in touch to see if there are any photos or history among the archives. If anyone can help me, I would be very grateful. You can leave any material at the Council Offices where it will be copied and then returned to you.

### **STANSTED YOUTH CENTRE**

Well with huge thanks to Stansted Parish Council for their support of our summer programme it has been a summer of fun, activities and new experiences.

Early in August ten of our older members spent 5 days in Belfast in the first part of our exchange with young people who live in the Falls Road area.

We linked with the Corpus Christi Youth Centre in Ballymurphy who put together the most amazing programme of events and activities for us. This included taking part in a BBC1 Youth Question Time with Gerry Adams, the Mayor of Belfast, the Chief of Police for Northern Ireland and the Head of Youth Service for Belfast, a visit to the Crumlin Gaol and the Republican Museum. The last 2 days were spent with 12 of the young people from Ballymurphy on the Antrim Coast where we visited the Giants Causeway, the Carrick – Rede Rope Bridge and Portrush.

The Belfast young people are coming to Stansted next Easter when we hope to give them as good a time as we had in Belfast.

The second week of August we took 13 younger members and 2 senior members to the Brecon Beacons for 4 days of extreme activities. We stayed in a beautiful farmhouse at the base of Tumpu one of the highest mountains in the Brecons which the young people climbed on their first evening after a long 5 hour drive. The next 4 days were spent caving, canoeing, climbing, orienteering, and best of all gorge walking!!! On the last day we had trouble getting the young people into the coach to come home, they wanted to stay!!!!

The weather was fantastic, the scenery fantastic and the young people were fantastic!!!!

The last 3 weeks of the holidays the youth centre was open 2 nights a week and although the numbers were low the young people who attended enjoyed the activities that were on offer and joined with the staff in pool challenges, basketball, arts and crafts and giving the centre a good clean and tidy up.

The skatepark and the MUGA (Multi use games area) on Mountfitchet Green have been very busy all summer keeping lots of young people entertained and out of trouble.

The centre is now back to its normal opening days and times.

Tues – DofE 6-9pm

Wed – Boxing Training and other sports 7-9.30pm

Thurs – Belfast Mural Project, Arts and Crafts and Cooking 7-9.30pm

Fri – Open Centre Drop In 7-9.30pm

All young people from school Year 8 upwards are welcome. Come along and give it a go!!

Linda Barnes

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## DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

30 September	Full Council
7 October	Open Spaces
21 October	Full Council
28 October	F&GP – Budget 2

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings, and may address the Council on any relevant issue at the start of Full Council meetings. These comments are noted but no discussion is entered into. Meetings are held in Crafton Green House at 7.45pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda. Agendas are posted on the Parish Council's noticeboards.

## NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD D.C.

### From Cllr Alan Dean

Essex highways have now recognised that the controls for the traffic lights on Grove Hill are not functioning correctly after I sent them observations from residents about the gridlock that occurs from time to time. It seems that a control loop in the road that should detect the presence of traffic coming from the Elsenham direction is not working correctly. The result is that the lights often do not change to green when they should do. Vehicles parked close to the higher light have sometimes made the situation worse, but parking is not the sole, and maybe not the primary cause of gridlock. ECC have promised me they will fix the lights before moving forward with parking restrictions.

Last month I reported that Uttlesford Council was due in September to mount another consultation on where to locate future housing up to the mid-2020s. That is now off until next year. Members should have met on September 1<sup>st</sup> to consider reports on suitable land, on road access, on demand for new housing and on other technical areas. Unfortunately, the reports are not yet available so the meeting was cancelled and engagement with residents has been put back.

These reports have been in preparation for almost two years so it is a matter of great frustration both to councillors and to members of the public who have been following this saga before and since Elsenham was chosen for a new town exactly two years ago. Local members have complained at the lack of progress and at the lack of impetus by the council, particularly as we are aware that many residents of Stansted

are concerned at the impact of a new town's traffic on local roads and wish to see an end to the uncertainty.

**From Cllr Geoffrey Sell**

### **The role of the enforcement team**

The Council has a small team of staff headed by Paul Woolcott who are responsible for issues such as planning, licensing and street enforcement. In the latter case they deal with abandoned cars. To give a flavour of some of the cases they are currently dealing with in Stansted at the moment :-

- i) Garden land being extended into agricultural land. Creation of swimming pool
- ii) Houses constructed larger than permission
- iii) Possible airport related parking.
- iv) Illuminated advertisement erected without express permission

The enforcement team play an important role in ensuring that when planning permission is granted that conditions are adhered to. It also deals with cases that have acted unlawfully without seeking planning permission in the first place. The council is responsible for granting licenses to all premises selling alcohol. The team ensures that the conditions granted by the licenses are adhered to.

It is my view that the team is under resourced and I will be raising this in future meetings.

### **Do you think you can influence the council's decision making?**

I recently attended a conference on Community Empowerment. This is defined as the "giving of confidence, skills and power to enable communities to shape and influence their own development." Essentially it is about how people can influence the decisions being made on their behalf. In a survey done last year of electors across the East of England the question was asked 'Do you feel that you can influence decisions in your community.' Uttlesford's ranking came 18<sup>th</sup> out of 52 local authorities. However, only 31% of residents surveyed in Uttlesford thought they could influence decisions. This compares unfavourably with Cambridge City Council at 41% and favourably with Harlow at 26%.

Every resident has the right to attend council meetings and with prior notice address councillors. Residents are able to engage with the Council at the Community Forums which meet three times a year. The forums replaced the Area Panels last year. I made the request that the work of these forums be looked at to see whether they should be strengthened. I would like the council to consider adopting a Citizens Panel. This is composed of for example 1,000 residents who they would regularly consult with.

### **BUS TIME TABLES**

These are now available in leaflet form and can be obtained from The Library, Day Centre, Y to Z Mini Market, Parish Council Offices, St John's Surgery, Joy Thomas (813871) and Valerie Trundle (813433). Large copies are available at £1 from the Library. Complaint forms also available from Joy and Valerie (Local Transport Representatives).

### **CONTACT US!**

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Once again the Community Calendar in aid of Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) will be going on sale later this month and for the first time Stansted has been chosen to feature in it.

The full colour A3 calendars costing £6 will be sold door-to-door during the autumn as well as at selected stores including the Parish Council offices – go on line to: [www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/sales\\_outlets.html](http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/sales_outlets.html) for details. For further information call SSE on 01279 870558.