

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

2009/10 Mission Statement

- 1 Act to secure former Peter Kirk site for Community purposes.

Planning permission has been given for two dwellings on this site. The Parish Council made unsuccessful representations that it be retained for community use.
- 2 Improve Parish Council Cemetery.

Rules and Regulations have been amended and enforced.
- 3 Improve children's play equipment and complete the Skate Park. Improve the Mountfitchet Green.

Phase 2 of the skatepark has been completed. Planning permission has been obtained for the installation of lighting. With money from the Big Lottery Fund via UDC, a multi-use court facility has been built at the Mountfitchet Green. The top layer will be added by the contractors in the Spring.
- 4 Monitor on-site and off-site issues relating to the forthcoming development of the former Rochford Nursery site.

The first phase of the Rochford's housing development has begun. However, because of the economic climate there has been a slow-down in building. A welcome pack has been produced in association with the Churches Together and has been delivered to the occupied houses.
- 5 Monitor developments at Stansted Airport.

We respond robustly to all consultations. Our Airport Working Party has met on a regular basis and is in the process of preparing our evidence to the second runway Inquiry which will open this Spring. The Council continues to oppose a second runway and supports the Residents of Burton End who could be particularly badly affected.
- 6 Provision of Junior Football pitches.

The Council objected to the Junior Football Club's plans for Bentfield Green believing it to be an inappropriate location. UDC endorsed this view. The application is now subject to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. In the interim the Parish Council has been in discussion with two landowners about alternative sites and these continue.
- 7 Carry out tree planting where appropriate.

We continue to monitor existing trees for safety and plant new trees.
- 8 Improve street scenes and village environment and encourage participation in the Stansted In Bloom project.

We continue to plant hanging baskets and flower troughs. We aim to enhance the Fountain junction this year by cleaning and re-laying the slabs, re-turfing the grass areas and painting the fountain itself – a landmark in the village.
- 9 Enhance lighting columns

Most of the street lights in the Conservation Area have enhanced columns.

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| 10 | Keep residents informed of the intentions and actions of the Parish Council. Distribute Village News and liaise with local newspapers. Update the Village Guide. | <i>The Parish Newsletter and Link have combined forces. We now have regular council pages in each monthly edition which is distributed free of charge to each home and business.</i> |
| 11 | Seek to identify suitable locations for a Health Centre, Community Information Centre, better Parish Council accommodation and a new Post Office and use our best endeavours to bring these about. | <i>We have had regular discussions with the Primary Care Trust and local residents over the location of new health facilities. We are hopeful that a site in the centre of the village has been found and that work subject to negotiations will begin this year.</i> |
| 12 | Consider and react to local situations over which the Parish Council has no control. | <i>We have objected to proposals for an eco-town at Elsenham and organised a public meeting to encourage others to object also. Have made a donation of £2,000 towards the Save Our Villages fighting fund.</i> |
| 13 | Continue to seek suitable premises for a local <i>priority</i> museum. | <i>Endeavours continue, but not a current</i> |
| 14 | To co-ordinate, monitor and act together with local authorities on flood prevention. | <i>There has been a recent incident of flooding at Gall End. We are prepared to continue to use our good offices to mediate with bodies such as the Environment Agency (and to use our staff to help clear the grating!)</i> |
| 15 | Promote road safety, footpath and highway maintenance improvements. | <i>The long-awaited crossing outside the MMC College is now in place. This has been warmly welcomed.</i> |
| 16 | Street lighting safety | <i>All our lighting columns will be subject to bulk clean and change this year. We responded to the trial of part-night lighting by the County Council and reiterated our opposition. Their final report following this trial is awaited.</i> |
| 17 | Continue to keep the Windmill in good repair. | <i>We launched an appeal for funds to carry out extensive repairs and are seeking grants. One bid to English Heritage for a grant has been unsuccessful, but another has now been submitted.</i> |
| 18 | Improve car parking in Stansted | <i>We have received representation from residents in St John's Road and Blythwood Gardens over this vexed issue. Our Highways Working Party will be working with our County Councillor to address problems.</i> |

19 Anti-social behaviour in the village

We are working closely with the Police and other agencies to tackle this issue. We have had regular meetings with the Police. DPPO's for our Open Spaces have been approved and are now in place. These orders will mean that alcohol can be confiscated and trouble makers fined or arrested. The Parish Council now funds 50% of the employment costs of a Police

Community Support Officer – Stuart Stranger. Communication between the Parish Council and Police have improved.