

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL *NEWSLETTER*

April 2010



Neighbourhood Panel

Next meeting will be hosted at Witcham Village Hall on 19 April 2010. Agenda will include discussions on trying to complete the cycleway between Witcham Toll and Wentworth. These meetings are open to the public. Do come and join us. 7.00pm.

Dogs

Owners are reminded that dogs are not permitted to be on the recreation ground. Also please would dog owners ensure they use the dog bins provided for disposal of dog waste (located by the bus shelter, at the end of High Street/Headleys Lane, and by the concrete road on The Slade). Please do not use the normal street litter bins.

Play Area

The children's play area has been given a spring clean. The equipment and tiles have been jet washed to remove dirt and algae. Please help us by ensuring no litter is left lying around. Any apparent faults should be reported to the Parish Council immediately. RoSPA will be carrying out the annual inspection during April.

Local Awards

Our congratulations to the White Horse PH on winning the Campaign for Real Ale - CAMRA - best countryside pub in the Ely area. Also to the Village Hall on achieving a special Quality Award.

County Wildlife Site status has been awarded to the Finn family's meadow down Bury Road. Recent surveys revealed a wealth of animals, birds and insects. The family are keen to give villagers various opportunities to explore the nature in the meadow and hope to have butterfly walks in the summer, wildlife photography from hides, backwoodsman skills, painting and sketching en-plein air and pond dipping. Interested? - Contact alison.me.finn@gmail.com (07836 321650) for a chat/further information.

Zap your energy bills

East Cambs residents now have opportunity to cut household energy costs through new energy saving project launched by CCC. Library users in Ely are now able to borrow energy consumption meters, which connect to the household electricity supply and provide real time information on energy use and running costs. Free loan follows a successful trial in 2009 and aims to help householders become more energy efficient and assist reduction in energy expenditure. Typical savings are between 5 and 15% of annual electricity bill www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environmenta/energy/meters

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 27th April 2010

8.00 pm

**Village Hall
Witcham**

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2009

Presentation by Archive Group

Annual Report of Parish Council

Reports from District and County Councillors

Report Sutton Mepal Witcham Youth Group

2009/10 Summary of Annual Accounts

2010/2011 Precept

All our village organisations/charities/clubs are invited to attend to give a report on their activities for the year

Any Other Parish Business

**Do join us - a chance to meet
fellow parishioners. Find out
what is happening here, and the
surrounding area as it affects your
village**

Tea, coffee, biscuits, provided

**Please come and support your
village**

Village Benefits Advice Service
PO Box 2257 Ely Cambs CB7 9EA
01353 666990

!!! FAULTY STREET LIGHTS !!!

If you notice a faulty street light please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or any member of the Council quoting the street light number on the column and name of the street.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Village Hall, normally on the 2nd Tuesday in the month

13 April 2010

27 April 2010 extra-ordinary Council meeting at 7.15pm followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting** at 8.00pm

11May2010 – Annual General Meeting of the Council, 7.45pm. Public question time 7.30pm
8 June 2020 - 7.45pm. Public question time 7.30pm

Any items for the agenda should be placed with the Clerk at least **1 week prior to the scheduled meeting**. Agendas and approved Minutes are now posted on the website each month. Copies also on the noticeboards at the crossroads.

There is an opportunity for the electorate to attend these meetings and provision is made for public participation/question time to commence 15 minutes prior to the commencement of Council business as stated above. Please see the noticeboard to view agendas and minutes, and any changes to proposed meeting dates.

Additional meetings may be called to consider planning applications as required by the planning authority.

RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Please put your refuse and recycling items out by 7.00am on day of collection. (please be aware the earliest is the evening before, otherwise you are deemed to be committing an offence!)

Additional bags available – phone VEOLIA 01353 863864
(Max 4 brown garden bags will be replenished per household, may use cardboard box for grass cuttings)

Please note the kerbside plastic bottle recycling collections will cease from 26 March 2010

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