

# WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## *NEWSLETTER*



*Autumn 2006*

*Welcome to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter.*

### *Elean Power Station Open Evenings*

Enjoyed by 23 people who found it an interesting and informative evening.

### *2005/6 Annual Accounts*

The external auditors have completed the audit. A copy of the Statement and Auditors Certificate and Opinion are on the noticeboard and details to be posted on the website.

### *Recreation Ground*

The Council is about to complete the refurbishment of the play area/recreation ground with the provision of new cricket nets. These will enable youngsters to practice and thus ensure the continuity of the Witcham Cricket Teams and our place in the cricket league!

The Mepal and Witcham Junior Football Club will be using the recreation ground at Witcham for a few weeks while a drainage project is being completed at Mepal.

### *Cambridge Youth Services*

The recreation ground was used for several weeks before the end of school for sport leadership training. Unfortunately the sessions organised daily for a week during the school holidays had to be cancelled but we understand these are to be rescheduled.

### *Village Maintenance*

The Council is reviewing the arrangement for 2007 and would like to hear from anyone who could offer a few hours a week, according to season, to undertake grasscutting and general tidying and maintenance of public areas. Up to £7.00ph. Contact Clerk for information.

### *Street Lights*

Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk with details of any parish lights not functioning. All street lights should have a CCC or PC reference number painted on them which must be quoted when reporting details of faults.

### *Community Safety*

As the nights draw in everyone is reminded to be more vigilant to deter the burglar.

### *Royal Mail Deliveries*

Anyone getting wrong post or post getting lost? Contact Chairman for Postwatch pack.

### *Parish Plan*

The working group has been meeting fortnightly, and attended the peashoot and will be holding a coffee morning and sessions with youngsters as part of the consultation process. A questionnaire is being devised and we hope everyone will take the opportunity to have their say in what they would like for Witcham in the future. Results will be published in the form of the Parish Plan which will then become a useful tool to guide the Parish Council and evidence local needs in terms of initiating and sustaining facilities for the village, and future development planning. Please support us and help us provide for the village.

This new document will be particularly useful when the new Council is elected next May.

### *Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements 2006*

An application for funds to reduce speed through the village and complete the cycleway route between Sutton and Ely, by linking the 1.5km between Witcham Toll and Wentworth, is being submitted once again.

### *Buses*

Dews Coaches took over the 106 service from 14 August 2006.

### *Police*

The Community Beat Policeman, PC Humble, holds surgeries in the vicinity of the recreation ground on a regular basis. Next, 29 September 2006, 1230-1300hrs - please see the noticeboard at the crossroads for details.

### *Heavy Commercial Vehicles Controls*

The County Council has set up a Freight Quality Partnership comprising representatives from all areas who are directly affected by the needs and use of haulage. They have created a new online HCV Route map to direct drivers through the county. A first in the country. Go to [lorries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:lorries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### *Cambs County Council Scrutiny Committee*

To improve services for Cambridgeshire people. Any concerns about services of County Council or topics for Scrutiny Committee to look at, visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scrutiny](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scrutiny) or contact Clerk for information.

*Planning-Regional Spatial Strategy-East of England*

The panel appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the Examination in Public into the Draft East of England Plan has submitted its report and it has been published. The Secretary of State will consider the report together with the representations with the aim of publishing

Proposed Changes in late 2006. There will be a period of public consultation, likely to be 12 weeks. The finalised East of England Plan is expected to be published in spring 2007. This is the document for the region which will be encompassed and influence the County and District Councils' policies in the development of our area.

**STREET CLEANING - proposed dates**  
(early Friday mornings)

8 September 2006	13 October 2006
17 November 2006	22 December 2006

**RECYCLING COLLECTIONS (Fridays)**

15 September 2006	29 September 2006
13 October 2006	27 October 2006
10 November 2006	24 November 2006
8 December 2006	

Please put your refuse and recycling items out by 7.00 am on day of collection, or at earliest the evening before, otherwise you are committing an offence.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meetings are held in the Village Hall, normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month, but please note the changes for October and December.

12 September 2006	<b>9 October 2006 *</b>
14 November 2006	5 December 2006
9 January 2007	13 February 2007
13 March 2007	

\* Monday

Any items for the agenda should be placed with the Clerk at least 1 week prior to the scheduled meeting.

There is an opportunity for the electorate to attend these meetings and provision for public participation/question time commencing at 7.15 pm. Council business commences at 7.30 pm. 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.

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