

# WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL *NEWSLETTER*



*August 2009*

## *Neighbourhood Watch Scheme*

We are still looking for a village co-ordinator to support the street co-ordinators to ensure we can keep the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme up and running in Witcham. ***If you can help please contact Ashley Bamforth for further information urgently.***

## *Football Goals*

The new football goals will be installed on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at the recreation ground. ***We would be grateful for any offers of help.***

## *Sutton Mepal and Witcham Youth Services*

Earlier in the summer we circulated a questionnaire to households so that we could gather information from the youngsters in the village about what facilities they would like. We have considered the options of provision by the County Council and the newly formed group under Sutton Parish Council, led by Mick Oliver, and decided to opt with joining Sutton and Mepal to provide services on Monday evenings over the ensuing year. It is important that our youngsters support these facilities and we look forward to a long and successful partnership with this new youth group. For further information please contact the Clerk or Chairman.

## *Dog Fouling*

Dog owners are reminded to ensure they do not allow their pets to foul the footways and verges. The Council has recently installed additional dog bins at The Slade (by concrete road) and Headleys Lane (junction with High Street). Bags available at 4 Silver Street.

## *Neighbourhood Panel*

If you have any issues you wish us to raise at these quarterly district meetings please contact our representative, Allistair Berry 01353 778081. The Panel, comprising Parish, District and County Councillors, Police, and other community representatives, meets to discuss local concerns such as crime, health, housing and children, young people's and environmental issues. Members of the public are also invited to attend. Newsletters published on the noticeboard or visit [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)

## *2008/9 Year End Accounts*

The Accounts have been approved by the Auditors and a copy has been posted in the noticeboard at the crossroads.

## *Shaping the Future of Cambridgeshire over the next 20 years*

The East of England Regional Assembly and Cambs County Council are seeking views on future development for the region. In Cambridgeshire the Government is suggesting a population increase of 43% by 2031. Consultations documents are being prepared and you are invited to visit the County's website - <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/regional/RSS>

The County Council will gather views on particular development options via a series of workshops and other events specifically for informed stakeholders and interested members of the public during the summer and autumn months. Events will be publicised in the local media and on its website. Parish Councillors would be pleased to hear your views.

## *Westway Place*

We are pleased that the dead trees at the bottom end of Westway Place have been cut down. We are now asking Hereward Housing to repair the footways, which we have noticed are in a bad condition.

## *Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Scheme 2010/11*

We have asked if some extra passing places can be put in on Hive Road - Wardy Hill, and the droves linking across to Coveney. Our bid for connection of the cycleway between Witcham Toll and Wentworth thereby completing the Sutton to Ely cycleway is now being taken up through the Neighbourhood Panel with the support of Mepal, Sutton, Wentworth and other nearby villages.

## *Fens Adventurers Rural Development Programme*

A £4m grants programme funded by the European Union, UK Government and local authorities is available for start-up or enhancement of local rural businesses based in Cambs and West Norfolk fens. For micro-enterprises (employing fewer than 10 people with annual turnover or balance sheet of less than 2m euros), to help generate employment opportunities in 4 key priority areas – sustainable food and farming, rural business development, sustainable rural tourism and enterprising communities (delivering rural services such as child care or elderly care services, community run shops and advisory services). Please contact Cambridgeshire ACRE 01353 865047 [www.cambsacre.org.uk](http://www.cambsacre.org.uk) or Clerk for further details.

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**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Committee Representatives 2009**

**Burial Board:** All Councillors  
**Village Hall Committee:** Mr D A Bamforth and  
Mrs Julia Bibby  
**Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of  
Local Councils:** Mr A Berry and Mr D A Bamforth  
**East Cambridgeshire Parish Forum:**  
Mr K Mackender and Mr D A Bamforth  
**Ely Sector Police Local Liaison Group:**  
Mr C Watson  
**Strawburner Parish Forum:** Mr D Saberton  
**Mepal Outdoor Centre:** Mr D Saberton  
**Citizen's Advice Bureau Trustee Board:**  
Mr D A Bamforth  
**Play Area:** Mr D Saberton responsible for weekly  
inspections of equipment  
**HCV Joint Committee:** Mr A Berry and  
Mr K Mackender  
**Neighbourhood Panel:** Mr A Berry  
**Parish Paths (P3) Scheme:** Mr A Berry

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meetings are held in the Village Hall, normally on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month

**8 September 2009**  
**13 October 2009**  
**10 November 2009**  
**1 December 2009**  
**12 January 2010**  
**9 February 2010**  
**9 March 2010**

**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 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 eg. to consider  
planning applications as required by the planning  
authority.

**RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

From 5<sup>th</sup> October there are new collection days for  
recycling, brown sack and black sack waste.  
New day for collection – **Tuesdays.**  
Weekly for black sack, 2 weekly for recycling.

Please put your refuse and recycling items out by  
7.00am on day of collection. (please be aware the  
earliest is 6.00 pm on 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)

*Collection Dates:*                    October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
   November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
   December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

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