

# WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL *NEWSLETTER*



March/April 2009

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Tuesday 14 April 2009**

**8.00 pm**

**Village Hall  
Witcham**

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2008  
Introduction to our Community Policeman PCSO J Halls  
Neighbourhood Watch

Annual Report of Parish Council  
Reports from District and County Councillors  
2008/9 Summary of Annual Accounts  
2009/2010 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

**This is your chance to hear what  
the Council and village groups  
have been doing over the past  
year.**

**Your opportunity to question  
what is happening here in  
Witcham and the surrounding  
area as it affects your village.**

**A chance to meet fellow  
parishioners.**

Tea, coffee, biscuits, provided

**Please come and support your  
village**

### *Speedwatch*

Witcham has joined the Speedwatch scheme and carried out the first check early in March. Of 106 vehicles checked, 20 exceeded the speed limit. The Police are responsible for sending out warning letters. These checks will be carried out on a regular basis both here at Witcham and other surrounding villages, which have also joined the scheme

### *The Future of Youth Services in Witcham*

The Council is currently in discussions with the County Council and Sutton Parish Council regarding future provision of services for the youngsters of Witcham. Sutton decided to opt out of the County provision and has invited Witcham and Mepal, and other villages, to join with them.

### *Dog Bins*

The Council is in the process of purchasing more bins for the convenience of dog owners. We hope to place one near the concrete road at The Slade and another at the end of High Street/Headleys Lane. Dog bags are available from the Council.

### *Noise Nuisance*

The Council is working with the District Council to investigate the noise nuisance which is apparently generated from somewhere on the Elean Business Park.

### *Joint Funded Minor Highway Improvements*

The Council's request for the completion of the cycleway to Ely between Witcham Toll and Wentworth is supported by several of our neighbouring villages and is now being pursued through the Neighbourhood Panel for the area which we are told now has funding under the Section 106 scheme. This is money accrued from developers as part of their Consent from the Planning Department at East Cambs District Council which is used to support the infrastructure of the area.

### *Cambridgeshire County Council Parish Paths Scheme (P3)*

Our lead Councillor on the P3 has made a submission for the Parish to participate in the scheme again this year to develop and improve the public rights of ways system in the area.

### *Forthcoming Elections*

The District Council and European MP elections are scheduled for **4 June 2009**

**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.

## STREET CLEANING

(early Friday mornings)

Unfortunately the contractor is unable to give us a definitive list of dates because they say they have to re-schedule according to needs. However, it should continue basically on a 4 weekly cycle.

It really does help if as many vehicles as possible can be removed from the highway on the morning the road sweeper is expected.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

**14 April 2009** - 7.00pm (to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting – 8.00pm)

**12 May 2009** – Annual General Meeting of the Council, 7.45pm. Public question time 7.30pm

**9 June 2009** - 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.**

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)

*Collection Dates:*

April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

May 1<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

August 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

September 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

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