

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2010

- Regular trouble spots to be identified and receive increased police patrols. Reports regarding flour and egg throwing recently by young people - local shops and, where known, parents to be informed.
- New village gateways in place and VAS equipment due to be installed shortly.
- Council tax increases for ECC to be 1.9% and in the Tendring District nil. Councillor Derek Robinson to speak to colleagues at County to see if anything can be done about increased number of power cuts recently.
- Kerb stones coming away from the pavement in Oak Tree Road, pot holes reappearing following the severe weather and the general lack of gritting in the village to be reported to ECC
- Officers for regeneration at TDC have been in touch regarding a change of use application for the Old SQS building in Coach Road.
- PCSO asked to take action regarding of cars parked around 39 Station Road.
- ECC to be asked to cut back overgrown hedges in Ford Lane from St Peters Church down to the creek and advised that 30mph signs have been ripped away at the lower end of Ford Lane and need replacing.
- Letters to be sent asking allotment holders whether they wished to retain their allotments for the 2010-2011 year or would be willing to share.
- Reports of a resident washing out plastic containers on a mini industrial scale on Wivenhoe Road has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Subsequent pollution of Sixpenny Brook has been noted and Environmental Agency has inspected the site and issued a warning to the resident concerned.
- An encouraging meeting with the Planning Officer has taken place regarding proposed extension and improvements at Village Hall and Pavilion. Plans prepared and planning application delivered.
- The Clerk to respond on their behalf of Parish Council to TDC regarding Regeneration Strategy for 2010-2016.
- Members of football clubs have identified and cleared a drain under the football pitch resulting in a marked improvement to the drainage.
- Details regarding Street lighting PFI to be considered by working party.

- **BENCH OUTSIDE SHOPS** - No particular problems regarding the bench reported during the past month, but litter was still a problem outside the shops.
- **AFFORDABLE RURAL HOUSING** - Rural Housing Trust has been in touch with the landowner. A meeting planned for early February to agree terms.
- **AGM of the Parish Project Committee** to be held on 27 February at 11.00am and is open to the public to attend.
- **FIREWORK EVENT 2010** -The Clerk to press for an early confirmation from PTA that the event is to take place.
- **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING DECEMBER 2010** - the Clerk to write to all local businesses to see whether there would be support for a late night shopping event in December possibly link in with the school Christmas Fayre.
- **SOCIAL EVENTS** - a working party be established to make recommendations to the council for social events to support the community.
- Local organisations, neighbouring parish councils, the chairman and leader of TDC, local county and district councillors and the MP have been invited to attend or send a representative to a Civic Service at St Andrews on 21 February.
- A grant of £2,000 has been received from ECC towards the cost of solar lighting for the two bus shelters.
- **VILLAGE NOMINATIONS.** Residents to be asked to let the Parish Council have their nominations for Parish Awards to be made in the following categories :

Helpfulness and Initiative in children

Miscellaneous – general assistance etc

Resident of the Year

Nominations to be in by 1st June. Awards to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2011.

Residents - Please let the Clerk know of any nominations.

The next meeting of Alresford Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3 March 2010 at 7.30pmin the Parish Council Pavilion.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 9 MARCH AT 7.30PM

Further details of Council matters can be obtained from any Councillor,

or the Clerk on 825714 or from the web site - www.alresford.org.uk