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How **YOUR** Council is
spending **YOUR** money.
News of Council Meetings
and events to come in
YOUR village in a
Quarterly Newsletter

The POST

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 29th April, 7:30pm
LITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Saturday 12th July, 1pm
LITLINGTON VILLAGE FAYRE

Saturday 6th September
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
PRODUCE SHOW AND FETE

See inside for more details
and more events!

Dear Parishioners — Now that Spring is here its also time for the **Annual Parish Meeting**. The details are elsewhere in this newsletter and I hope you will be able to join us. As a council we have recently co-opted Alan Pipe as a councillor, and I would like to welcome him to the Parish Council. We do still have two **vacancies on the Council**, and with the AGM approaching in May now would be a perfect time to join the Council and help influence local issues. Please contact any of the councillors or the clerk.

One local issue that has arisen recently that you may or may not be aware of is the **proposal for a wind farm** on land roughly half way between the village and the A505. I would like to take this opportunity to explain to villagers what is going on. First of all a planning application was made for a temporary 60m high Anemometry Mast at Highfield Farm for a duration of two years. The intention of the mast is to gather data on wind speed and direction. Approval of this application would not be a precedent for any application for a wind farm. The application decision is still pending with South Cambs DC.

Subsequently the Parish Council received an invitation from SCDC to comment on a request for a Scoping Opinion for a "Proposed 4 Wind Turbine Development on Land at Highfields Farm, Litlington". What this means is that the party proposing a wind farm is aware that any application will require a full Environmental Impact Assessment, and is starting the process off by discussing what issues they feel the EIA should cover. It is important to note that at this stage no Planning Application for a Wind Farm has been made, and hence the Parish Council cannot comment on the proposal made, as if we did we could be seen to have prejudged prior to a submission of a formal application. The Parish Council have replied to the Scoping Opinion request identifying a number of additional issues we would like the EIA to look at. We also noted in our reply that "the proposal as detailed in the Scoping Report would have a serious impact on many aspects of life in and around the village were it to proceed".

If an application is made in the future, we will of course have the opportunity to comment at that time. Given the size and proximity of the proposed wind farm to the village, we anticipate that if a similar application were to be made we would call a Village Meeting to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to contribute. In the meantime, and independently from the Parish Council, a parishioner has started an action group "STOP ROYSTON WINDFARM". Anyone wishing to voice their opposition or find out more should contact Tina Fraser on 01763 852925 or at tinafraser@aol.com.

LITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING ON**

**TUESDAY 29TH APRIL 2008
7.30pm**

LITLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
CHAIRMAN – MR STEFAN DIXON

**Please come along and hear what the Parish Council have
done over the past 12 months**

AGENDA

Apologies for Absence
Chairmans Welcome & Report
Minutes of 2007 Annual Parish Meeting
Matters Arising from Minutes
Financial Report 2007/2008
Townlands Charity Financial Statement
Reports — Steeple Morden Primary School
Bassingbourn Village College
Litlington Pre-School
Village Hall
Neighbourhood Watch
Mobile Warden Scheme
Village Fayre Committee
Recreation Centre
Multi Purpose Surface
Dog Fouling in the Village
Other Business
Date of Parish Council AGM

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is given that Litlington Village Hall has on the 10/04/2008 applied to South Cambs District Council as the Licensing Authority for a Premises License for Litlington Village Hall, Meeting Lane, Litlington, nr. Royston, Herts, SG8 0QF for entertainment times and the retail sale of alcohol from 10am to 11:30pm except New Years Eve 00:30am.

Anyone wishing to make representations concerning this application should do so in writing to South Cambs District Council, Licensing Section, South Cambs Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB3 6EA.

Representations in respect of this application must reach the Licensing Authority by 20/05/2008.

Persons wishing to inspect the register or the record of this application may do so by attending the office of the Licensing Section, during office hours, Monday to Friday inclusive.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fine for which on summary conviction is £5,000.

Following complaints over a long period from Litlington residents, the Parish Council has aligned itself with the new national dog fouling law and requested the South Cambridgeshire District Council to include our village in the Order they made to introduce the law.

The new "poop scoop" law came into force in May 1998. The Parish Council are now making it widely publicised and understood, and will be strictly enforcing it.

DOG FOULING and the LAW

A person in charge of a dog must clear up **straightaway** if the dog has defecated in an area where the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 applies. Otherwise they are contravening the law and could be subject on conviction to a penalty of up to £1000.

In Litlington the areas where owners have to clear up after their dogs include:

- All roads, pavements, and grass verges within the 30mph speed limit.
- Public places such as the village greens, the recreation centre playing fields (where dogs are not allowed in any case), the churchyard and the cemetery.
 - All amenity grass areas open to the public.
 - All footpaths and tracks.

If you witness someone not clearing up after their dog, you can contact South Cambs District Council on 08450 450 063 or email: env.health@scambs.gov.uk with details of the offence. SCDC can investigate, issue warnings, fixed penalty notices or even prosecute persons in charge who fail to clear up after their dog.

Litlington Village Fayre

The Litlington Village Fayre will take place on Saturday, July 12th at 1pm on the recreation ground. A new group of people has agreed to run the fun and fund-raising day. We are pleased to say that there will be a Dog Show and that the army will provide a Paint-Balling Range and a small assault course. Most village organisations will be running stalls and sideshows. There will be a bar, BBQ and teas. 80% of profits will go to the organisation and 20% to the costs of running the event. There is still the opportunity for any organisations wishing to run a stall/sideshow to participate.

A list of activities and Dog Show classes will be delivered to each household nearer the date.

Anyone wishing to help or to run a stall on behalf of an organisation should contact David Sharp on 852425 or e-mail fair@litlington.org.uk.

Many thanks to the retiring Village Fayre Committee, who send this message:

Groups from the village were invited to apply for funds in December 2007. There were two applications, one from the Congregational Church and one from Toy Library. It has given the retiring Committee much pleasure to be able to donate £1000 to each of these good causes, leaving £250 in the fund. We would like to thank all the village groups for their support along the years.

Lynda and Ken Murphy

Congregational Church Produce Show and Fete **Gwen Biles**

We urgently need a person or persons to become involved in this Annual Fund Raising Event and to take over the organising and running within the next 12 months. The current people involved will give every assistance over the transitional period. We welcome people with new ideas/fresh approaches to boost the popularity of the Show which has run for over 70 years and we need your help in order for the event to continue.

Please contact Gwen Biles on 852533 for further information.

This year's Show will be on Saturday 6th September and we look forward to your entries and to seeing you there.

Events

- Sat 26 April: Royston Choral Soc Concert** 7:30pm Royston Parish Church
Royston Choral Society (<http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk>) promises an entertaining combination of flamboyant, meditative and celebratory choral and orchestral music including Bach's *Sanctus* and his Dances from Suite in D, Vaughan Williams and many more. Tickets from Royston Library and at the door, priced £10, £8 concessions, £1 'still at school'.
- Sat 5 July: Steeple Morden School Summer Fete** 2:00pm
- Sat 12 July: Litlington Village Fayre** 1:00pm Litlington Recreation Ground
- Sat 6 Sept: Congregational Church Produce Show and Fete**

Posters and Notices

A reminder that if you put posters or notices (e.g. advertising an event) up around the village, or indeed anywhere, please take them down again as soon as the event is over. This is actually a requirement of the law allowing posters and notices to be put up in public places, but also more importantly will avoid littering. **Stefan Dixon — Chairman, Litlington Parish Council**

Litlington Village Hall

Mrs M. Baker

We have just had our Annual General Meeting. Is there anyone who can help us? We need a new Treasurer; we are also looking to co-opt anyone interested in serving on the management committee. If you are interested, please contact Mrs L. Williams on 01763 852809 who will be pleased to talk to you.

Our Village Hall needs to be painted inside. We are looking for any quotes. A specification will be available: please apply to Mrs L. Williams on 01763 852809. We are looking for this job to be done during the August recess. Thank you for your interest.

Cemetery Wheelie Bins

Gwen Biles

Once more I would ask that users of the cemetery wheelie bins make sure that waste goes in the correct bin. Artificial flowers and greenery as well as wired wreathes, plastics of any kind and oasis go into the black bin.

The green bin is for compostable material only.

If in doubt use the black bin. Thank you for your co-operation.

Doorstep collection dates for Waste and Recycling

With the May Bank holidays approaching we thought it may be helpful to remind residents of collection dates:

17/04/2008 : Black Bin
24/04/2008 : Green Bin and Box
01/05/2008 : Black Bin
09/05/2008 : Green Bin and Box (Day late collection)
15/05/2008 : Black Bin
22/05/2008 : Green Bin and Box
30/05/2008 : Black Bin (Day late collection)
05/06/2008 : Green Bin and Box
12/06/2008 : Black Bin



Open Day Saturday 3rd May 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fun for all the family! Come and see what we have to offer!

Badminton, Table Tennis, Short Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Football, Hockey, Trampolines,
ALL FREE TO TRY TODAY!



Dance & Fitness Class Demonstrations!
BIG BBQ!
Bouncy Castle!
Face Painting!



SPECIAL GUEST – JO ELLIS INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY STAR & FRIENDS

Jo will be officially opening the facility at 10.00am, followed by an exhibition match!

Activities and demonstrations will begin at 11.00am.

Bassingbourn Sports Centre – Located on the village college grounds.

Tel: 01763 242344 for more information.

Nov 27 th 2007	anniversary of the death of Peter Shore RIP
Dec 5 th	birthday of Veronica Carter ("Pop") RIP
Dec 11 th	funeral day of Lisenna Carter RIP with love from her friends
Dec 15 th	birthday of Jean Watts (daughter of Lou Barnes)
Dec 15 th	anniversary of the death of Dudley Unsworth RIP
Dec 18 th	anniversary of the death of Nigel Maude of Abington Pigotts RIP
Dec 24 th 26 th 31 st	in loving memory of Lisenna Carter from her daughter, Sonia
Dec 25 th	to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ
Jan 1 st 2008	to celebrate the New Year
Jan 5 th	to celebrate the birthday of Hilda Williams
Jan 9 th	birthday of Lisenna Carter RIP with love from Sonia, Rudy & his family
Jan 11 th	birthday of Mrs ME Bird RIP
Jan 12 th	in memory of Brian Reed
Jan 17 th	to celebrate the 80th birthday of Audrey Newman
Jan 19 th	to celebrate the birth of Orlando Maxwell Miceli — grandson of Stephanie Wilson
Jan 29 th	in memory of John Colley RIP
Jan 31 st	to the memory of Bill Newman RIP
Feb 15 th	birthday of Frank Bailey RIP
Feb 15 th	birthday of Fred Barnes RIP
Feb 17 th	21st birthday of William Newman — congratulations — and many thanks for ringing the church bells since you were so small that you had to stand on a box to reach the rope!
Mar 1 st	birthday of Geoff Bright RIP — Geoff was actually born on February 29th but his mother registered him as being born on March 1st so that he could celebrate a birthday each year rather than only once in every four years!
Mar 12 th	birthday of Dudley Unsworth RIP
Mar 13 th	1st anniversary of the death of William John Lawrence RIP from his devoted wife, Shirley, and son, Tony, and family
Mar 15 th	Golden Wedding Anniversary of Dave and Peggy Compton — congratulations!
Mar 16 th	birthday of Miss Kyle RIP
Mar 17 th	birthday of Eileen Huffer and Sean Williams
Mar 19 th	70th birthday of Cyril Harris — we hope there are many more birthdays (and good sermons) to come!
Mar 22 nd	Golden Wedding of Dave and Eileen Huffer — congratulations!
Mar 31 st	in memory of Fred Barnes RIP on the anniversary of his death.

To have the church illuminated costs only £5. Brenda Bailey (01763-853401) or Pam Sharp (01763-852425) can arrange it for you.

Council tax — the increase at five per cent is in the light of Government funding settlement at 2.2 per cent, i.e. less than the cost of inflation related to the County Council's "shopping basket" examples being the cost of foster care, social services and highways maintenance. By comparison Suffolk and Norfolk had increases from central Government of over seven and nine per cent – hence their low increases in council tax. This is clearly not welcome news for Cambridgeshire council tax payers and particularly those on fixed incomes but this is worst settlement for the Council in ten years. Cuts in non-statutory services are having to be made.

Aviation over South Cambridgeshire and stacking patterns — full consultation has commenced regarding major changes in stacking patterns over South Cambridgeshire related to Stanstead and Luton airports.

This area, which is near to the existing Royston hold, would experience a different pattern and frequency of flights than under current arrangements. The closing date is 22nd May 2008 and the Civil Aviation Authority will make the final decision. Any changes would not become operational before March 2009 at the earliest. The County Council will be making a response and I have requested a technical briefing session for parish councils.

The NATS consultation documents are available at <http://www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation>

New County Council anti-bullying website — This has just been launched and provides information for parents, young people and schools, including pages on "what can I do to help tackle bullying?", "how do I know if I'm a bully?" and advice for writing anti-bullying policies. Please take a look at the site and pass it on to anyone who might be interested. <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/bullying>

Domestic violence — This was discussed at the recent Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership which I attend on your behalf. Domestic violence is a very difficult subject and it is very well hidden from view. Women and men are victims, as are children. The discreet help numbers are Women's Aid Helpline Local – 01223 460947 <http://www.womensaid.org.uk> and Men's Advice Line and Enquiries -- 0808 801 0327 <http://www.mensadvice.org.uk>

Tackling Traffic Congestion in Cambridgeshire — As you may be aware, the County Council has been running a consultation on tackling congestion in Cambridgeshire – particularly Cambridge. The aim of the consultation has been to gather views on the Council's bid to central Government for £500 million under the Transport Innovation Fund. This fund aims to help local authorities reduce congestion through innovative transport packages. There is, however, a condition attached to the Government funding in that County Council will be required to trial some form of congestion charging. Initial proposals require that any resident travelling into Cambridge between 7.30 am and 9.30 am Monday through Friday will be required to pay a minimum charge of £3 (possibly £5) each trip. Further information can be found at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/congestion> Results of the consultation are due to be announced in May 2008.

Police Contact Centre — response times continue to improve enormously – they are now down to an average "on hold" time of **nine** seconds. It is also important to note that all the details of incidents reported to the Call Centre automatically are picked up by local police (CBMs and PCSOs) at the start of each duty period. It is therefore extremely important that local issues are reported to 0845 4456 456 4 – to ensure this village is on the duty list for attention. Clearly in cases of emergency 999 should be used.

Boqus Police Officers and P.C.S.O's

Alan Biles

There are reported incidents of criminals posing as Police Officers or P.C.S.O's in order to gain entry to homes. The Police advise the following procedure:-

1. Even if you are expecting a Police visit, always ask for and examine their Warrant (Identity) Card.
2. If you are not expecting a Police visit you should not allow entry. Keep the door closed or on a security chain and obtain the caller's Warrant (Identity) Card through the letterbox. Close your door and 'phone Cambridgeshire Police on 0845 4564564 to verify the Warrant Card. Cambridge Police will also confirm whether or not such a Police visit to your house is on their schedule of calls. Only if you are fully satisfied should you allow entry and hand back the Warrant Card. If you are in any doubt make sure you take advice and guidance from Cambridge Police H.Q. and not the caller.

Steeple Morden Primary School

Fund raising for the school — Recently the PTA launched a new fundraising scheme to help support the children in our school, and anyone can join in! It simply involves buying on-line shopping from your favourite retailers. Every purchase earns cashback (in some cases up to 10%) for the school. It's really easy to set up, involves no extra cost to you and could generate significant funds for the school. If you would like to join in, this is what you have to do (Please note, the system only works using Internet Explorer as your web browser):

1. Go to the school website www.steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk. Click on the **Existing Families Homepage** and select the **PTA Home** tab from the menu on left hand side.
2. Click on the **Parent Pages** icon.
3. Click on the **Ice Cream shop** icon to nominate Steeple Morden Primary School as the organization you wish to support, and follow the instructions (you only need to do this the first time you use Parent Pages).
4. Next time you can shop directly via the **“Boutique” shop** icon.

Whether you are a regular online shopper or even if you only make the occasional one-off online purchase, an extra couple of clicks every time you buy online will benefit Steeple Morden Primary School.

Disclaimer: the school does not necessarily endorse the views expressed on the ParentPages website or the products sold by the retailers linked to the website.

Your Parish Councillors

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Alan Pipe	01763-852885		

Linda Oliver — County Councillor Bassingbourn Division — 01767-650430
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Other Useful Numbers (all 01763- numbers unless otherwise stated)

Sally Walmesley	Clerk to the Council	852137
Sue Jenkins	Church Warden	852974
Gordon Head	Neighbourhood Watch	852934
Linda Williams	Village Hall Booking Clerk	852809
June Chaffey	Recreation Centre Booking Clerk	852151
Gwen Biles	The Chapel (Secretary)	852533
Pam Sharp	Evergreens	852425
Rosy Taylor	Playschool	852762
Lorraine Baker	Toy Library (Secretary)	852414
Vera Swallow	Litlington Amateur Dramatics Society	222538
Vera Webster	Badminton Club (Treasurer)	241022
Paul Mepham	Football Club	07809-639782
Cathy Smith	L.J.'s (7 to 10yrs. Youth Club)	853997
Jane List	L.J.'s Plus (10 to 13yrs. Youth Club)	852127
Sylvia Harris	Gardening Club	852107
Kumar Balani	Post Office / Shop	852221
Angie and Steve Watts	The Crown Public House	853859
	Bassingbourn Village College	242344
	Bassingbourn Primary School	242460
	Steeple Morden School	852474
	Royston Library	243292
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