

Stansted Parish Council
comprising the villages of
Stansted & Fairseat

**Items of interest from the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish
Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2013**

The meeting held on 3rd June in Stansted was attended by 5 members of the public and it was good to see them there. Borough Cllr Ann Kemp was also present, but had nothing to report from the Borough Council on this occasion.

A planning application for work/live units at Plaxdale Green Farm had been received and the planning consultant gave a brief presentation of the proposed scheme and answered questions. After discussion, the Parish Council had no objections in principle, but expressed concern that any future owner of the property might apply for greater development of the site and this concern would be forwarded to the local planning authority, ie the Borough Council.

Cllrs Sheila Goodworth and Janet Howie had attended the Borough Council's recent planning committee meeting, when borough councillors had discussed the planning applications for Fairseat Lodge and Fairseat Cottage. A site meeting will be held.

The Friends of Stansted School had let the Parish Council know that many of their committee would not be continuing as their children were about to move on from the school and felt unable to plan the usual Bonfire Night event and asked if the Council would like to take over. This was discussed but members felt they would not be able to do this. We hope that with the new school intake new parents and friends will come forward to replace the outgoing committee members and perhaps will be able to run the event in future years. We understand that the Headteacher, who is off on long-term sick leave, is not likely to return to school. We thank her for what she has done and wish her a speedy recovery. The school has let us know they wish to continue with the telephone box in Plaxdale Green Road.

Bye-laws for the Stansted Recreation Ground were mentioned in the last brief. We have asked the Borough Council for guidance and we will be contacting other parish councils in the area to see what bye-laws they might have in place. Using this help, a set of bye-laws tailored to our circumstances will have to be drafted and debated and then applied. None of this will happen overnight.

Complaints have been received about the standard of grass cutting under the new contract, especially for the war memorial and Stansted church bank. These complaints are being conveyed to the contractor, who is new to the war memorial area, but who has done the church bank in previous years. We hope there are teething troubles with the new contract and will soon be resolved.

Cllr Sheila Goodworth reported that few volunteers had come forward to help set up a Neighbourhood Watch in Stansted. She knew of 2 thefts of fuel in Plaxdale Green Road and a Stansted resident had had the mid box of his exhaust stolen. PCSO Laura Bullen will be holding a surgery at the Farmers Market on 4th July in Stansted Village Hall.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st July at 8.00 pm in Fairseat Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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