

**Stansted Parish Council**  
comprising the villages of  
**Stansted & Fairseat**

**Items of interest from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
October 2013**

The October meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> in Fairseat Village Hall and was attended by 4 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs Polly Falconer and Janet Howie, both working late and from the County Councillor and both Borough Councillors. Consequently there were no County or Borough reports.

Andy Yallop and Tom Sheldon gave an update on the Cloisters project. They had planning consent and building regulations approval and were in the process of obtaining approval from the diocese architectural group. There were some concerns about the archaeological work, as some old graves would be disturbed. The Canterbury Archaeological Trust want to undertake some investigations and they anticipated this would take place in the next few weeks. They are going out to tender for the building works and expect to start early next year. There will inevitably be some disturbance in the highway while drainage is connected. At present there is a shortfall of £130,000 but it is thought it will be easier to raise this once works have started and they are also considering a reduced internal specification.

There is concern over the expansion of Forest Hill mobile homes park in Labour-in-Vain Road. The site itself is in Wrotham parish but the access goes through Stansted. It is being advertised as retirement homes. Councillors considered the access via a single track lane was not suitable for ambulances and that more traffic would be generated through visits by medics, carers and family visitors, apart from the increase in normal traffic with more households.

The Chairman had met Steve Bassett, the new Head of the school that morning and reported that Mr Bassett is keen to work with the community. The Parish Council wishes him well in his new post. His arrival means that the playpark project can be resurrected.

As in the past few years, the Parish Council and the school will be joining together on Armistice Day to lay their poppy wreaths at the war memorial. You are most welcome to join us. Please assemble just before 11 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the memorial. Should you be driving through Stansted that morning, please try to avoid doing so around 11 am but if you do find yourself there, please respect the ceremony and 2 minutes' silence and stop your car for the short time it takes.

Following last month's Brownes Bequest meeting, a grant of £250 was made to Age Concern. This covers the subscriptions of those using their shopping service. As explained last month, this grant now replaces the annual donation to parishioners over the age of 70. The cost is covered by the rent on the field for grazing and means that the funds of the bequest are no longer dwindling, leaving money available to maintain the land.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 pm in Stansted Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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