

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2007

The October meeting of the Parish Council was attended by only 5 members due to previous commitments. Gary Williamson our SDC Councillor also attended. The various committees were asked to consider their future budgets for the year 2008/9 and present their thoughts to the next Finance Meeting in November.

The Parish Council had a letter asking them to support the Goodwill Fund which supports people in Knockholt at Christmas with provision of a hamper. Everyone thought this an idea well worth supporting as it had done previously.

Any Youth Organisations in the village were invited to make an application for funding (please contact the clerk for further details)

Quotes had been obtained for the digging of trenches for the drainage of surface water from the road at Letts Green Pond to help keep the water levels high in the pond.

The hedge of the field bordering Main Road and Shelleys Lane has been trimmed by Highways and the owner has been asked to cut it.

There has been a request from users of the recreation ground behind the play goalposts as balls are being punctured. and this is being looked into.

The ROSPA report on the playground showed that there were no major problems.

Cllr Martin will be attending a conference on The Future of Transport in the Sevenoaks District on 23 October. Cllrs Radford and Broadhurst will attend the SDC Space Study Consultation and Tree Legislation workshop.

From the Crime Report it was noted that there had been a theft from a dwelling in Old London Road on 15 September and on 26 September there had been damage to 2 vehicles the windows shattered by what seemed to be a pellet gun.

We were all warned of itinerant tree surgeons calling door to door. Please note that these men do not have insurance and therefore any damage done to your property or neighbours property and ensuing costs would be your responsibility if you employ them.

There was a discussion on the powers of PCSO including the ones for the on the spot fines. It was thought that these did not go far enough. Knockholt shares the PCSO with Halstead and subsequent to this meeting Halstead have voted to carry on with supporting our PCSO. Knockholt Parish Council deferred a decision until the next meeting as so many members were absent.

Gary Williamson spoke of progress at the Fort Halstead site. There is no particular news to report at the moment as no application yet has gone in. Surrounding parishes have formed a working party and are either sending a representative or observer to particular relevant meetings. Along with Cllr Williamson they will discuss any matters that arise and collect information about the progress of the site development.