



# Stanford Rivers Parish Council Newsletter

**Issue No 31**

## **Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman & assignment of responsibilities**

At our Parish Council Meeting on May 9th, John Glover was re-elected as Chairman and Alan Buckley as Vice Chairman. The following representatives and responsibilities were also agreed:

<b>Chairman &amp; Clerk</b>	<b>EALC - Local Liaison</b>
<b>Robert Manning</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Alan Buckley &amp; Clerk</b>	<b>Parish Newsletter</b>
<b>Rob Jackson</b>	<b>Highway Issues</b>
<b>Alan Buckley</b>	<b>Website &amp; IT</b>
<b>Ron Hayden</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Enforcement</b>

## **Website**

Full detailed Minutes of the May Parish Council Meeting are on our website which can be found at the following web address: [www.stanforddrivers-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stanforddrivers-pc.gov.uk)

The history page has a feature on the former Congregational Chapel that used to stand on London Road at Little End where the Stanford Rivers village sign currently resides.

There is also an article on the former Toot Hill Windmill and the lightning strike which crippled the miller and severely damaged the building in 1829.

The Village Hall page has details of the groups and activities currently using the Hall.

There are also updates on the News, Planning and Meet the Councillors pages where all contact details of the members can be found.

## **Highways Issues**

It was pointed out by a resident who lives near St Margaret's Church that, although extremely pleased with the new speed restrictions, the new signs are quite difficult to see.

It was thought that the signs were in fact poorly positioned and that the restricted speed area should be extended to encompass the crossroads outside the church.

Councillor Robert Jackson, who is responsible for highways issues, has requested that the matter be placed before the Local Highways Panel for discussion.

New County Councillor Maggie McEwen, who represents the Stanford Rivers area, agreed that the Highways Panel was the best way forward to get something done.

## **Speed Watch**

Further speed watch checks will be taking place on the A113 during the coming months of June and July.

Both the Police and members of the press have agreed to join our team of volunteers on some of these occasions.

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The date for the next Parish Council meeting has been brought forward to Thursday June 27th, 7pm, at the Village Hall in Toot Hill.

There will be a public forum before the meeting so any parishioners who wish to raise an issue through the forum should arrive at the Toot Hill Village Hall by 6.45pm.

## **Planning Applications**

**EPF/O467/13:** Clunes House, Mill Lane: Proposal for construction of a barn including the installation of a solar panel pv system.

**Advisory:** The Parish Council OBJECTS on the grounds that this application represents overdevelopment and is excessive within the Greenbelt due to its mass and bulk and is inappropriate on the site. It would also set a precedent in the Greenbelt.

**EPF/0772/13:** 1 Hill Top, Toot Hill: Proposal for erection of garage in front garden (revised application).

**Advisory:** The Parish Council is happy to WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTION as it understands from the Planning Officer that Essex County Council Highways Engineers have advised that there is now a sufficient 6 metre access from the front of the garage to the Highway. Therefore based on this the Parish Council will withdraw its objection.