

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

**Items of interest from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
April 2013**

Cllrs John Brooker and Sheila Goodworth sent their apologies for the meeting, due to farming pressures. Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour also sent his apologies. County Councillor Sarah Hohler attended, as did Borough Councillor Ann Kemp. There were no members of the public present – where were you?

Cllr Janet Howie reported on a meeting with the police mobile CCTV unit organiser for Maidstone. The conclusion of the meeting had been that Neighbourhood Watch should be improved as a first step. Following Janet's report the situation was discussed and it was agreed that as there seemed to be little general public interest for CCTV, the way forward was as recommended, to improve Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Harry Bott said that BT has been awarded the contract for the broadband improvements but that this was being challenged under EU law by another provider. The £100,000 awarded has been ring fenced for the parish.

The distribution for Brownes Bequest was discussed. Each year the amount distributed to parishioners over the age of 70 has been far greater than the income and the capital is shrinking. Low bank interest rates don't help. The field, woodland and barn will need maintenance at some time in the future. At the same time, the Parish Council has been supporting the fortnightly Age UK shopping trips for the elderly. At first the grant covered the charges and gave some over for the charity but we've been told that this is no longer the case and we will have to pay more. It was decided that the annual income from the field should be donated to Age UK to support their service to parishioners and that no further distributions will be made. Councillors are aware that many of the recipients have been giving their share of the distribution to charity. When the proposal was mooted to members of the public attending the parish council meeting a couple of months ago, they thought it was a good idea.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Fairseat Village Hall at 8 pm. The usual meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting – you chance to raise whatever issues you like. Everybody is welcome.

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