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

## Items of interest from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013

All parish councillors were present at the March meeting, together with Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour. Apologies were received from County Councillor Sarah Hohler and Borough Councillor Ann Kemp. 6 members of the public also attended.

Regarding village security and the possibility of CCTV, the police representative who deals with this had been in touch and a meeting was being arranged. Sheila Goodworth had spoken to PC Daphne Allen about neighbourhood watch and some information is being sent.

5 planning applications were considered. One was amended planting plans for the London Golf Club. This was objected to as it was felt the species proposed were not particularly representative of native species in this part of the country and members offered to show the landscape architects acting for the Golf Club round their land. Of the other applications, the Council viewed the plans being proposed for Parsonage Farm, which are for change of use from industrial to residential and conversion of buildings to provide 4 dwellings. A decision on the response was deferred to a site meeting. This was subsequently held and councillors agreed not to object, even though the proposals are against green belt policy. The industrial use is no longer viable and this small number of residential units would mean far fewer traffic movements than generated previously by the businesses. It was also reported that the Vigo Inn has at last obtained permission to re-erect the traditional pub sign.

There was no update on the improved broadband – KCC is still going through the tendering process.

It was reported that an approach has been made to the Stansted Village Hall Committee to run a Montessori pre-school 4½ days a week. This would not interfere with the Farmers' Market. Ofsted permission is needed before the pre-school can start. The Council agreed use of the field, provided that the area required by the pre-school adjacent to the hall is cordoned and the fencing removed on a daily basis.

A reminder that entries for the "Design the Playpark" competition, should be sent either to the Parish Clerk or to the school by the beginning of the summer term in April.

The April meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> in Stansted Village Hall and the May meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> in Fairseat Village Hall, both at 8 pm. These

meetings are a week later than normal, due to the first Monday of each month being Bank Holidays.

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