

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES MARCH 2009

POST OFFICE

Mark Prisk received a rather disappointing response to his request for a meeting to try to get Post Office facilities back into the village. Alan Cook, Managing Director, said that he offered assurances that the possibility of introducing an Outreach service in Hertford Heath would be examined and that this option was considered. However, he went on to say that the village did not meet the criteria "as there are two alternative branches within three miles, with good public transport links to each". Leaving aside the question as to whether one bus an hour can be considered to be a good public transport link, the only two branches within three miles of the village with any sort of public transport links are those in Hertford and Hoddesdon. Neither of these were considered for closure and so his assurance was worthless. He goes on to say that once a decision has been made and announced to the public then the decision cannot be reversed. It has been reported in a number of papers that some Post Offices have re-opened with help from County Councils, so this assertion is not correct either. Mark Prisk has responded to these claims and is still seeking a meeting to get Post Office facilities back into Hertford Heath.

VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION PLANS

David Morgan brought up pictures of the proposed store room extension. All present felt that the extension would add to the appearance of the Hall and that the proposed location was very acceptable.

ALLOTMENT RENTS

These are now due and should be paid to the Allotment Manager, Bob Akers at 65 Trinity Road or to Lynn Bonner at 61 London Road who has volunteered to assist Bob. The rent for a full plot is £15, with a half plot being £10.

VANDALISM

There have been a number of incidents of vandalism in the last few weeks, the most serious being the destruction of a shed on the allotments. If you witness anything of this nature happening, please contact the police immediately.

SPEEDING

The Police are to carry out speed checks over a number of weeks to reduce the speed along the village roads. Please remember that the speed limit on London Road is 30mph. There are no roundels which state this - apparently it is not lawful to put them up but the fact that there are street lights tells all motorists that they should not be going faster than 30mph. I witnessed four people being stopped in a 15 minute period so be warned.

YOUTH CLUB

We learned of a very successful and useful public meeting where a number of excellent ideas were generated and a number of adult volunteers came forward. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please do so and deliver it to the Country Store.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR POEMS

Below is the poem by Taylor Tarran Best:

WHY I LOVE THIS VILLAGE

*The village is nice and calm.
Most of my friends are there.*

*I go to Jujitsu there.
Also they have a good car show.
The Church is really nice especially on the inside.*

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th April 2009 in the Mission Room at 7.30pm.

Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

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