

**CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**  
**OCTOBER 2004**

As usual, there are a large number of issues to report on this month:

London Road Traffic Management Scheme

This is very near completion. There is now a 30 mph speed limit along London Road from Vicarage Causeway to just before Hailey Lane. Whilst many drivers are observing the new limits, there remain a persistent number who seem to pay no regard to speed limits at all. There are still those motorists too who park on the pavement. Hertfordshire Highways has issued a newsletter which reminds residents that this is extremely inconsiderate as well as being illegal.

It looks like the pedestrian crossing island near the Village Hall is to be deleted from the contract. The Parish Council is very disappointed. It has been campaigning for many years for a crossing of some sort to help residents (most of whom need to cross London Road to get to the Post Office) do so safely. The Vice-Chairman has suggested a pelican crossing (or something similar) be provided and this idea has been passed to Hertfordshire Highways.

Hertford Heath JMI

The Parish Council's representative on the Governing Body reported to the last meeting that they were seeking two volunteers to be co-opted as governors. If you are interested in so volunteering, could you telephone the School Secretary on 01992 583622.

Wildlife Meadow and Pond

The Parish Council has submitted its application to excavate a pond on the Wildlife Meadow site and is hopeful of a decision from East Herts by the end of the year. Three contractors have been asked to quote for the work which will involve using the excavated clay to line the pond and spreading the excavated top soil over the paths (to even out the surface) with any surplus being used to fill the deep ruts in the meadow.

Dark spots in the village

EHDC has asked the Parish Council to suggest possible locations for additional street lighting. The Council will put forward the lane between London Road and Heathgate and suggest that a light be placed at the London Road end of Priors Wood Road. If there are any other areas in need of extra lighting, could you let me know. There is no guarantee that any of our suggestions will be taken up but if we don't try, we certainly won't get any more.

Parish Council's Newsletter

The Council is using a new distributor for the newsletter but has heard of a number of roads that still do not get the newsletter. If you do not, could you let me know and I will take the matter further.

Next Parish Council meeting

This will be on Monday 1 November 2004 in the Mission Room. Sally Smallwood, EHDC's Affordable Housing Development Manager is coming to talk about her work.

Do come to what should be an interesting talk.

#### Village Hall

The Parish Council heard of the Village Hall Management Committee's plans to get extra income. The Hall is not used at weekends as much as it used to be. One thought was that this might be because no one knew how much (or little) it costs to do so. The rates will be included in the December issue of the newsletter.

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