

SEASONAL REMINDER

Remember to trim your hedges and shrubs where they overhang or block pavements and footpaths!

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Miss P Jones, Mr B Miller,
Mr J Barber DL

Playground Committee

Cllrs Miss P Jones, Mr B Miller,
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Allotment Gardens & Millennium Garden

Cllrs Mr D Buckle, Mrs A Jones

Burial Ground

Cllrs Ms A Pegrum, Mrs P Smith

Community Safety Liaison

Cllrs Mr B Miller, Mrs P Smith

Countrycare

Cllr Ms A Pegrum

Emergency Planning

Cllrs Mr J Barber DL, Mr D Buckle

Highways, Footpaths Open Spaces and Village Green

Cllrs Mrs A Jones, Ms A Pegrum,
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EPPING UPLAND PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2012

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

ALLOTMENTS

Hurrah! All plots are taken. It's been a mixed year for ploholders with our interesting weather. Some have fared very well and others seemed to feel that the battle was not to be won by the humans! Whatever your produce this year, a reminder to all ploholders that even if you aren't able to cultivate your plot it must be maintained ie kept free of weeds/seeds; hedges, paths and ditches surrounding the plots must also be maintained. It's particularly important to keep weeds at bay as the seeds fly to other plots and surrounding land – a quick fix is to strim down the plot. If you see a yellow daisy-like flower it could be ragwort which is highly poisonous to horses etc and must be dug up and destroyed.

The Council has agreed in principle that the access for allotment ploholders only, can be resited following a request from the landowners. The legal aspect is currently being dealt with.



PLAYGROUND

The wet weather contrived against us and not only did that mean that the free bark could not be installed but also that the bark is no longer suitable. As this was not budgeted for we are looking for an alternative arrangement. If anyone knows where we could obtain bark at a reasonable price or even free (!), let the Clerk know: playground bark has to conform to a standard and will be tested, if necessary, before installation. We may have to install the bark ourselves – anyone handy with a wheelbarrow and a rake?

On a more positive note we are applying to Essex

County Council's Big Society fund for the new equipment and re-alignment of the path. Through the Precept (local tax from residents) and the donation from the Epping Green Association, we have about £2400 towards the project which is estimated to cost in the region of £7000. If the application is successful we aim to start work next Spring.



LOCAL PLAN

Epping Forest District Council is preparing a new Local Plan which will guide new development in the District for the next 20 years (up to 2033) and will include designations and policies to deal with planning applications.

You should all have received information from Epping Forest District Council on the current consultation 'Community Choices' (Issues and Options paper). The main document and other information have also been placed at the Church and the Chapel and can also be seen at www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture. Councillors considered the Parish Council's response at the council meeting on 17 September and are to receive a briefing from EFDC's Forward Planning team.

Councillors will meet again on 8 October at 7.30pm in the Chapel, to complete the Parish Council's response to the Consultation. This is an 'ExtraOrdinary' meeting and is open to the public to attend. If you want to have your say or have any questions, come to the meeting or speak with a Councillor or the Clerk beforehand.

Personal responses are welcomed by EFDC – closing date midday Monday 15 October.



FLY TIPPING?

EFDC 01992 564608 (Office hours)
01992 564000 (Out of office hours)

HIGHWAYS

Essex County Council is investing an additional £11 million into repairing as many potholes as possible throughout the county. The work will take place throughout the summer and finish in May 2013. During the summer months they will be repairing the outstanding potholes and from November onwards will be treating some of the road network to ensure that fewer potholes develop in the future.

The Local Highways Panel (LHP) has been reactivated, again at EFDC. This Council has put forward new suggested schemes for the corner by Bury Farm and priority signs at Cobbins Bridge.



GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Following a tendering exercise, the new contractor is MJS Gardening Service. MJS will mainly care for the Burial Ground and cut the grass by the pond opposite the Travellers Friend.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday 19 November 2012

Monday 21 January 2013

Monday 18 March 2013

Monday 13 May 2013 (Parish Meeting)

Monday 20 May 2013 (Annual Meeting)

7.30pm - Epping Green Chapel

Residents can address the Parish Council on items on the agenda or any other matters of mutual concern, as there is a regular agenda item early in the meeting for this.

Planning Committee - meets if there are planning applications to be considered.

Playground Committee – meets as required