

## **Debenham Parish Council – summary of meeting 15 June 2009**

Lock Close – Members approved the application to Suffolk County Council for registration of the area near Lock Close as a Village Green. This would ensure that it continued to be available for public use as it always and has been until recently. Over a hundred evidence forms were completed by residents to help get village green status and in the meantime other options are also being explored.

Recreation Ground Play Area – it will have been noticed that one of the sets of swings is temporarily out of action – this is due to a fault with a section of the safety surface. A quote for repairs is being obtained and we will do all we can to ensure it is repaired very shortly. In the meantime, in the interests of safety, we would be grateful for parents' help in ensuring the swing remains out of action and the orange fencing in place.

PCSO Chris Bales attended and reported on two recent crimes in the village, one involving criminal damage into which enquiries are ongoing and the second involving alcohol bought for young people under the age of 18 years. The offender has been identified and served with an £80 fine. PCSO Bales stressed the importance of information from the public to assist officers with investigations. All information is given in confidence and all necessary steps taken to protect the source of the information.

Questions to PCSO Bales included concerns over hazardous parking at the primary school when dropping children off, causing congestion and a danger to children at the school entrance and the increasing problem of dog fouling on footpaths. Local Officers will monitor both these concerns and action taken where necessary.

Whilst the majority of dog owners clean-up after their dogs, the Parish Council asks all dog owners to be considerate and to ensure any fouling is removed and the dog bins provided used.

Parish Council – resignation from the Council was received from Mrs Shirley Dalison. We thank Shirley for all her efforts during her time as a Councillor. We are now a total of eight Council members, the maximum to serve a community of this size being thirteen. To be sure the village is well served at this very local level it is important the remaining five vacancies are filled and we would be very pleased to hear from any parishioner/s 18 years and over who might be interested in joining the Council.

Please speak to any councillor or the Clerk for further information, we would be pleased to hear from you.