

## 2010/11 Mission Statement

◆ ***St Mary's School/Peter Kirk sites***

Attempt to ensure open space is retained and that Peter Kirk remains in community use

◆ ***Monitor on-site and off-site issues relating to the development of Foresthall Park***

A welcome pack has been produced in association with the Churches Together and has been delivered to the occupied houses

A boundary review has been requested as we believe that one development and two parish councils is unsatisfactory

◆ ***Improve children's playgrounds and complete the skate-park***

Research and consultation are underway to develop a rolling programme of improvement for our three play areas. Planning and funding secured for lighting at skate-park

◆ ***Provision of Junior Football pitches***

The Parish Council is in discussion with one landowner about an alternative site and these negotiations are ongoing

◆ ***Helping our Youth***

Under-funding of the Youth Centre does not help to provide a safe and constructive outlet for the young. The Parish Council has provided some funding to allow opening on Friday evenings and in the Summer holidays

◆ ***Improve street scenes and village environment***

We continue to plant hanging baskets and flower troughs. We hope to enhance the Fountain junction this year but that is deferred pending the removal of the willow tree. The Mile Iron has been refurbished

◆ ***Making the village bloom***

We continue to encourage the Stansted in Bloom project. A new flower bed is to be created at the junction of Blythwood Gardens with Silver Street whilst consideration is being given to what can be done for the northern entrance to the village and along Church Road

◆ ***Carry out tree planting where appropriate***

We continue to monitor existing trees for safety and plant new trees

◆ ***Promote road safety, footpath and highway maintenance improvements***

The long-awaited crossing outside the MMCC is in place. Discussions are in train about the safety of the crossing at the top of Chapel Hill and potential for a crossing in Silver Street

Discussions are also taking place with County Highways for using Section 106 funds to benefit Foresthall Park residents and the surrounding area. We remain very concerned by the dangers posed by the approaches to the railway bridge

- ◆ ***Car parking in Stansted***  
Conflicting interests are not easy to resolve. Discussions are in hand with the residents of Lower Street and Grove Hill
  
- ◆ ***Enhance street lighting columns***  
Re-painting of the lights in the Conservation Areas should take place this year  
  
All lighting columns have recently had a bulk clean and change. We responded to the trial of part-night lighting by the County Council and reiterated our opposition. Discussions will now be initiated to discuss the ownership of lighting not in the control of the parish
  
- ◆ ***Inform residents of the intentions and actions of the Parish Council***  
The Link carries regular news in the council pages. Our new website ([www.stansted.net](http://www.stansted.net)) is up and running
  
- ◆ ***Support the development of a Health Centre***  
We have had discussions with the Primary Care Trust and local residents and hope that plans will be submitted soon for a new building in the centre of the village
  
- ◆ ***Monitor developments at Stansted Airport***  
We respond robustly to all consultations. Our Airport Working Party meets as necessary. The Council continues to oppose a second runway and supports the Residents of Burton End who could be particularly badly affected
  
- ◆ ***To co-ordinate, monitor and act together with local authorities on flood prevention***  
There continues to be a risk of flooding at Gall End. We are prepared to use our good offices to mediate with bodies such as the Environment Agency. We aim to install a further two wooden poles to assist with catching debris as it is carried down towards the culvert
  
- ◆ ***Continue to keep the Windmill in good repair***  
The refurbishment of the Mill has been accomplished at a total cost of £190,000, helped by grants totalling £122,500 and a further £55,000 raised by the Millers and our parishioners
  
- ◆ ***Anti-social behaviour in the village***  
We continue to work closely with the Police and other agencies to resolve this issue. Designated Public Place Orders exist on our Open Spaces meaning that alcohol can be confiscated and trouble-makers fined or arrested. We continue to fund 50% of the salary of our PCSO, Stuart Stranger
  
- ◆ ***Parish Plan***  
The questionnaires are being analysed and the Plan should be completed this year
  
- ◆ ***Consider and react to situations over which the Parish Council has no control***  
We have objected to proposals for an eco-town at Elsenham and respond to national and regional consultations as appropriate