

Notes of the meeting of Young Residents of West Bergholt held at The John Lampon Hall on Friday 8th February at 7.00pm

The following were present: Gemma Long, Eric Byfield, Sharron Lawrence, Jefferson Kay, James Dobranski, Amber Harlow, Graham Pullen, Vicki Bowden, (Vicki's brother), Harriet Stevenson and Jacky Marsh.

Also present were: John Gili-Ross, Harry Stone, Jenny Church, David Short, Andrew Savage, Bernard Colbron (all members of Parish Council) PCSO Emma Rayment, Suzanne Bowden and Sue Day.

The young residents were welcomed by John and Harry outlined the objectives of the meeting.

Working in three groups the following list of ideas and concerns was drawn up:

- Youth Club (incorporating pool tables, play stations, snacks, DJs, film nights, careers advice, first aid, etc.);
- A 14+ football team;
- A shelter in which to meet;
- Better advertising of activities;
- Basketball and netball facilities;
- More dog litter bins;
- Street lights in Chapel Road;
- Cheaper buses and a better service to town;
- Dancing and Quiz nights;
- Tennis coaching and better access to courts;
- Better access to sports facilities;
- Skate board park;
- After school clubs and holiday clubs;
- More Police presence;
- Café/ice cream parlour/chocolate shop;
- A more regular Bulletin with items for young people and access to Website;
- Lights and football posts on Orpen field.

When placed in order of priority the following were chosen by all three groups:

- **Youth Club;**
- **Place to meet;**
- **Better access to and advertising of sports facilities.**

Emma spoke of ways in which funding might be obtained for these activities and mentioned a questionnaire that those present would need to fill in when submitting a bid for funds.

Harry said that the above findings would be presented to the Parish Council and the group writing the Parish Plan. (This would be considered alongside the outcomes of a consultation on the plan which is about to be sent to all households).

In order to move these ideas forward all those young residents named above agreed to meet again in the form of a Youth Panel. The main task would be to develop the above ideas and to liaise with the Parish Council in order to bid for funding and to begin to consider the practical implications of putting these ideas into practice.

The first meeting of this group will be with Harry Stone, Jenny Church, Sue Day and PCSO Rayment in the John Lampon Hall on Friday 7th March at 7.00pm

An agenda for the meeting will be produced nearer the time - please make every effort to attend and invite any other young people who might be interested and could not attend this meeting.