We need your help - if you are interested in contributing to the future of the Playground then we would like to hear from you. This is especially true of parents of younger children plus from teenagers themselves.

Contact the Parish Clerk Sheila Penton on 01480-473134.

Playground Project.
The Parish Council are currently considering the possible improvement of the Playground.

One possible course of action is to improve the existing facilities for the under 6’s and to provide appropriate facilities for older children which could be sited away from the present equipment.

Another idea would be to provide a set of smaller goal posts which could be sited across the field and would be ideal for younger children.

Funding.
Applications for the required funding are presently ongoing. We hope to recover most if not all of the costs from organisations such as WREN (Waste Recycling Environment Ltd) and HDC (Huntingdonshire District Council).

Consultation.
For the application for this funding to be successful, the parish has to provide evidence of the need for such improvements, plus evidence must be provided that consultation with the young people in the village has been undertaken. We hope to start this consultation process in the next few weeks, with much needed support from Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England).

Lack of Signage on the B645.
Feedback has been received from local residents who have expressed concern on the lack of signage on the B645.

In particular, there is a potential highway safety issue because there is no warning of the right turn into the West end of the High Street for vehicles travelling west.

This matter has now been brought to the attention of Peter Downes (our County Councillor) and we hope that the County Highways team will now investigate this matter.
Hail Weston Parish Council Contact Details

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall with no meetings in August or December.

Members of the public are welcome to attend, as there is an opportunity for public participation at every meeting where anyone can air their views or ask questions.

Notices for these meetings are posted on the village notice board, which is situated in the High Street between the turnings for Orchard Close and Aubreys Farm, and can also be found on the website at www.hailweston.org.uk

Precept for 2009-2010.

The Budget for the 2009-10 year was on the agenda at the last meeting held on 18th November and one of the key topics for discussion was the proposed Precept.

The Precept is the local element of the Council Tax that is levied by the Parish Council each year.

It was agreed that the Precept for 2009-2010 will increase to £15,244 which is a modest increase of exactly 3% over the present 2008-2009 amount of £14,800.

Resignation of Cindy Couzens.

Regrettably Cindy Couzens has resigned from the Parish Council after serving for almost 4 years since March 2005. She pioneered this Newsletter and played a major role in helping the Parish Council gain Quality Status. At the November meeting the Parish Council unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Cindy.

Nick Farnden, Chairman.