



CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

We wish all the residents of Cranleigh a peaceful New Year.

NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of Cranleigh Parish Council.

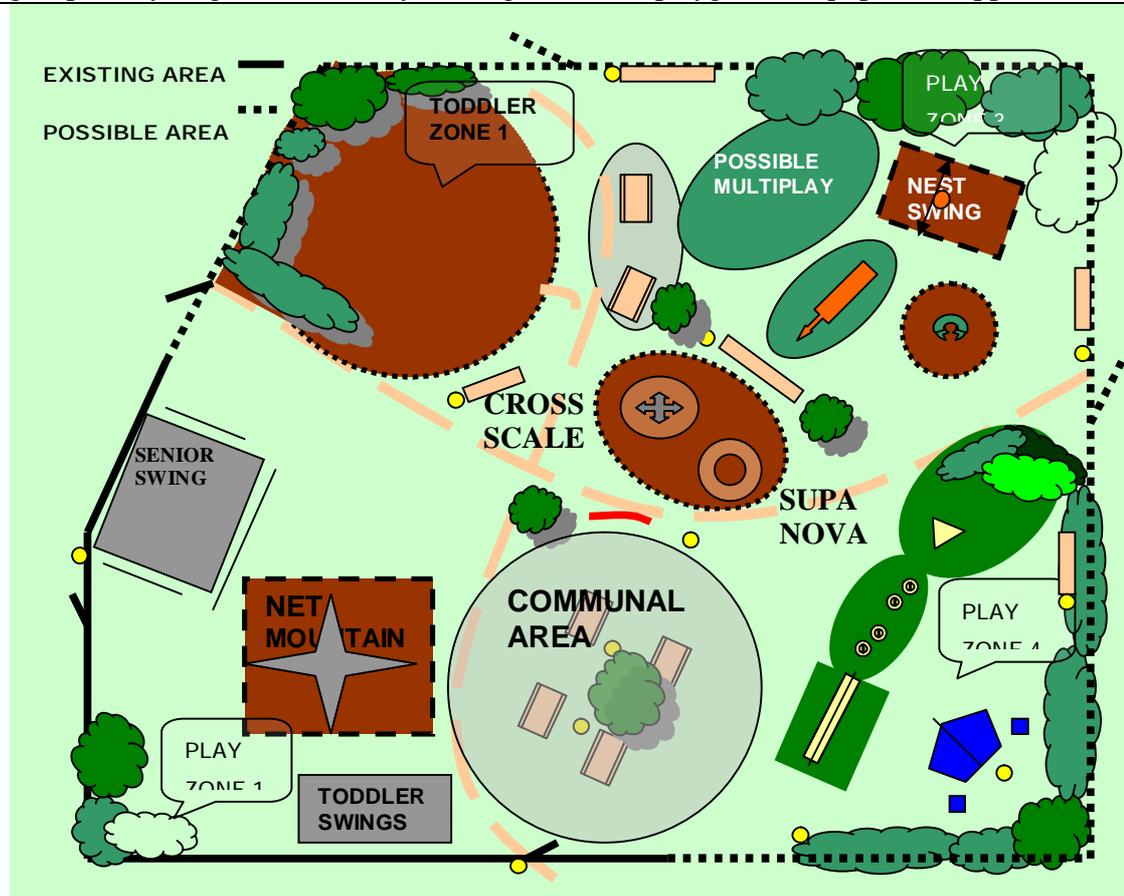
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CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL SECURES £50,000 BIG LOTTERY FUNDING TOWARDS THE SNOXHALL PLAY PARK PROJECT

Cranleigh Parish Council was delighted to learn that they had secured a £50k grant from the Big Lottery Fund towards improvements to the play area at Snoxhall Fields at their December meeting.

Plans for the new extended play area were unveiled in September, when the Clerk gave a presentation of proposals that she and the Grounds Manager, Nick Barnett, had been working on in consultation with user groups, Play England, Waverley Borough Council, playground equipment suppliers and other agencies.



The playground was moved to Snoxhall Fields from an area next to the Village Way Car Park in 1991. The much valued playground has seen its fair share of vandalism and damage caused by misuse by the public. Only recently a tyre on the large multiplay was destroyed by a fire started deliberately. Damage of this nature remains the main reason why equipment has to be taken out of commission until repairs can take place.

The only original equipment remaining in the playground is the Wendy House, small toddler multiplay and senior swings (which are regularly refurbished), all of the other equipment has been installed during the last five years.

The grant will enable the size of the existing playground to be increased, pathways and planting to be established and four 'zones' created. Once the 'zones' have been formed new pieces of equipment will be installed and the playground will start to come to life.

The plan has been phased over the next five years and will be a "living" project. The Parish Council hope to set up a Playground Trust to work to reduce the time frame for delivery of the project. If anyone is interested in supporting this project please contact the Parish Council office on 01483 272311.

The plans are available to view Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the Parish Council Offices.

COAT OF ARMS	AUTUMN LITTER PICK	FLOWERBED OUTSIDETHE VILLAGE HALL
<p>The recently adopted Cranleigh Coat of Arms may be used free of charge by local non commercial organisations of some standing in the community with authorisation by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Should an organisation wish, they may give an undisclosed voluntary donation to St Nicolas Church in recognition of the commitment and community involvement of Canon Nicholson to this project. If anyone is considering using the Cranleigh Coat of Arms please contact the Parish Council Office on 01483 272311.</p>	<p>Twenty four bags of rubbish were collected by a small band of volunteers from Cranleigh when they undertook the autumn litter pick in November. The Parish Council worked in partnership with Waverley Borough Council who arranged for the bags of rubbish to be collected and disposed of immediately after the litter pick. It is hoped the next litter pick will take place in Spring 2008. If anyone is interested in joining in with the litter pick or has any comments please contact Pauline Whitehead at the Parish Council Office.</p>	<p>Many of you may have noticed that the rather tired planting in the flowerbed outside the Village Hall was removed before Christmas and was replanted in the High Street flowerbeds, at the cemetery, and outside the Parish Council offices.</p> <p>Notcutts, who generously design and sponsor the planting in the Village Hall flowerbed have donated over forty plants which will provide year round colour. The Parish Council has scheduled the replanting for the first week in January and will be responsible for the maintenance of the flowerbed. Cranleigh Parish Council would like to thank Notcutts for their support to the community.</p>
MILLENNIUM SCULPTURE CCTV CAMERA		
<p>The Parish Council recently replaced a CCTV camera which overlooks the millennium sculpture on the High Street. The new camera gives enhanced night time pictures and has already been used to help Police in their enquiries.</p>		
LIGHTING AT SNOXHALL	FENCING AT SNOXHALL	YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR
<p>The street lights at Snoxhall Fields have been improved over the last year with a new 8 metre lamp being installed jointly funded by the Co-operative Community Fund and Surrey Community Foundation. Two further lamps have been installed near to the exit to Hitherwood and at the top end of Snoxhall field near to Northdowns.</p> <p>The removal of the old lamp at Northdowns and a damaged lamp next to the electricity sub station is scheduled for summer 2008.</p> <p>Should you notice that a street light at Snoxhall is not working please contact the Parish Council Office on 01483 272311 or e-mail clerk@cranleighpc.org.</p>	<p>At the December Parish Council meeting it was agreed to erect fencing across the path which runs adjacent to the stream in the wooded area near to the playground at Snoxhall in order to allow protection to the public when essential bank clearing work is undertaken.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TREE WORK ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND</p> <p>A Health and Safety inspection of trees on Parish Council land by a qualified tree surgeon is undertaken on a four yearly basis. Any tree work which arises as a result of this is undertaken as promptly possible. However, in view of the large number of trees on Parish Council land work other than that necessary for Health and Safety reasons cannot be undertaken.</p>	<p>In May, James Roberts was announced as the winner of the first Cranleigh Young Person of the Year award. As part of his prize James was invited to switch on the Christmas lights in Cranleigh on November 16th. James, who was recognised for his commitment and work with St John's Ambulance continues to give his time generously to the local community and is a fine ambassador for the young people in Cranleigh.</p> <p>The Parish Council has launched its search for the Cranleigh Young Person of the Year 2008. Anyone can nominate a young person, with their consent, if they have achieved something against all odds or made a significant contribution to the community. If you feel that you know someone who deserves to be recognised please contact Pauline Whitehead at the Parish Council Offices.</p>

WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HOPES TO ACHIEVE IN 2008

Cranleigh Parish Council has a vision for its community:- To enhance the quality of life in Cranleigh, now and for the future, through strong local leadership and customer focused service.

Aims	Actions
Be accountable to the people of Cranleigh	Have open, ethical and effective democratic and consultative processes.
	Communicate activities of the Council and financial information in a clear and engaging way through minutes, newsletters and the website.
	Ensure Equal Opportunities in every aspect of Council activity.
Manage the Council's resources wisely	Ensure prudent and sound financial management and control the level of the precept.
	Focus resources on what matters to our community.
	Attain maximum benefit from management of the Council's assets.
An attractive, sustainable environment	Promote use of recycling and sustainability in all projects.
	Protect public health and safety
	Maintain the Parish Council Grounds.
Partnerships	Work with statutory and relevant bodies and community groups, including Action for Cranleigh, the Cranleigh Initiative, the Health and Social Care Group, the Youth Group and the Sports Council.

1. To continue to build community links and work in partnership with any statutory or voluntary body that seeks to support and/or enhance our community. In particular, this would include Surrey County Council (highways, etc.), the Borough Council, CVHT, Surrey Police, Surrey PCT, Surrey Community Action, etc. and to progress partnership working through the Cluster Group.
2. Aim to improve the condition of the obelisk and the war memorial.
3. Enable the setting up of a Cranleigh Children's Playground Trust to progress the plans agreed by the Parish Council
4. Complete the improvements to the Sports Pavilion.
5. Put in place succession plans for our key staff.
6. Continue to promote training for both staff and Members by working in particular with Surrey County Association of parish and Town Councils.
7. Work with the community to enable new community facilities e.g. the hospital.
8. Work to promote the Parish Council through the newsletter and reach as wide a distribution as possible with the funding available.

IN THE FUTURE?

The passing of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides an important opportunity to give real power and influence to communities, through neighbourhood vehicles like parish and town councils. Cranleigh is one of the 600 Quality Parish Councils out of 8,500 councils within the country and by achieving this accreditation has demonstrated that it is representative, competent, well managed, and able to take an enhanced role in local Government. The Parish Council would welcome any comments that you have on the increased role of Parish Councils in the future.

PRECEPT 2008/9

The Parish Council has requested a precept of £210,228 for the 2008/9 financial period. This amount represents a 2.1% increase on 2007/8 for a band D council tax payer; the same as the current rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) The cost at Band D will be £39.24.

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Cranleigh Parish Councillors</u>		
<p>The Clerk – Pauline Whitehead. Parish Council Offices, Village Way, Cranleigh GU6 8AF Telephone - 01483 272311 Website: - www.cranleighpc.org e-mail adminclerk@cranleighpc.org</p> <p>Waverley Borough Council, The Burys, Godalming, GU7 1HR Telephone - 01483 5233 Website:- www.waverley.gov.uk</p> <p>Surrey Police Telephone - 08451 252222 Website: www.surrey.police.uk</p> <p>Waverley Borough Council Locality Office Leisure Centre, Village Way, Cranleigh Telephone - 01483 277399</p> <p>Surrey County Council, General Enquiries, Telephone - 08456 009009 Website:- www.surreycc.gov.uk</p> <p>Graffiti Hotline Telephone 01483 523425 Website:- GraffitiHotline.co.uk</p>	NAME	TELEPHONE WARD	
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IT'S YOUR COUNCIL - TELL COUNCILLORS WHAT YOU THINK

Parish Council Meetings are held in the Council Offices, in Village Way on the third Thursday of every month with the exception of August. Meetings start promptly at 7.00pm with the first fifteen minutes available for members of the public with a legitimate interest in the Parish to pose questions to the councillors.

The next Parish Council meetings are scheduled for **Thursday 17th January 2008 and Thursday 21st February 2008.**

The next Planning meetings are scheduled for **Monday 7th January and Monday 28th January 2008.**

Agendas and minutes are available on our website at www.cranleighpc.org

For Advanced notice of all meetings check the Parish Notice Board behind the Village Hall or contact the Parish Council office on 01483 272311.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AT ALL PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Contact any of the Parish Councillors shown in the listing with your views on the items in this edition of the Cranleigh newsletter or on local issues bothering you, or write to the Council at
Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8AF

For more information about the council please contact www.cranleighpc.org which is linked to the Cranleigh Village website.