



CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2007/2008

Following the elections on 3rd May 2007, twelve Councillors were elected to serve on Cranleigh Parish Council: for Cranleigh East, Brian Cheesman, Jean Dodd, David Gallacher, Rosemary Hurlley and Ken Reed; for Cranleigh West, John Bainbridge, Brian Ellis, Patricia Ellis and Stewart Stennett; Cranleigh Rural, Brian Arendell; Cranleigh North, Mary Foryszewski and Elmbridge, Cyril Baily.

During 2007/08 the Parish Council continued the programme of improvements on the facilities we provide to the community, however, due to sound financial management, the Parish precept increased by only 2.1% at Band D from £39.24 in 2007/08 to £40.06 in 2008/09. This represents a cost of 77 pence per week (measured at Band D) for providing a range of services to the community.

Whilst the Village Hall was closed during August 2007, the internal decoration was undertaken, and the external decoration is scheduled for August 2008. That will conclude the major work that has taken place on the Village Hall over the past few years. We are lucky to have our own caretaker, Peter Parsons, who gives great assistance to users and makes Cranleigh one of the few manned Village Halls in the area.

In December 2007 the Parish Council was delighted to learn that they had been awarded a Big Lottery Grant of £50,000 towards improvements to the playground at Snoxhall. This had been achieved by working with Waverley Borough Council. The Parish Council are now working with users of the playground to form a fundraising group in order to bring the plans for the playground to fruition more speedily.

Plans have been drawn up for the provision of disabled access and facilities in our sports pavilion and it is hoped the work will be undertaken during the latter part of 2008.

Young people in Cranleigh have indicated that they badly miss the youth shelter which had to be demolished due to vandalism in 2007, and have been involved with choosing a design for a new youth shelter and applying to Awards For All for grant funding. Disappointingly, the application was not successful. The Parish Council has allocated some money in the 2008/9 budget and it is hoped that a replacement shelter will be in place by summer 2008.

Following the success of the Parish Council working with the sports clubs who use Snoxhall to obtain funding for new goal posts and nets in 2007, there are continued plans to work with sports groups to seek further funding to upgrade the facilities wherever possible.

We appreciate the continued commitment and hard work of Nick Barnett, our Grounds Manager; Derek Heslewood, his assistant and Kevin Cave, the Sexton.

The Parish Council's Planning Committee, chaired by Mrs Ellis, has continued to meet every three weeks throughout the year, in order to provide timely and comprehensive input to Waverley Borough Council, the Local Planning Authority. In addition to the usual planning applications, there have been some significant planning applications during the year including Cranleigh Brick and Tile and Swallows Tiles. There has also been an increase in the number of planning appeals. The proposed development at Dunsfold Park will be the next large planning application which will need careful consideration by the Planning Committee as, although it is not within the parish of Cranleigh, it will have a huge impact on our community and its infrastructure.

The main source of income for the Parish Council is the parish precept, however, this is augmented by levying fees for the use of our facilities, grants received and interest from our reserves. The Parish Council also receives a Compensatory Grant from Waverley Borough Council to reflect that Cranleigh tax payers not only pay for their own recreation facilities, but also those elsewhere in the borough.

The following table shows how income has been made up over the last four years.

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Fees and Charges	53247	51688	54700	52704
Interest on reserves	8102	8492	9421	10500
Compensatory Grant	34285	36758	44813	43070
Other Income	2886	18336	1230	26000
Parish Precept	197593	200283	203263	210228
Total Income	296113	315557	313427	342502

Revenue expenditure – the day to day spending on providing, maintaining and improving our facilities – is spread over a number of areas as follows: -

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Administration	90931	101797	116937	126073
Grants	3720	3087	3849	4000
Recreation	76880	77757	92793	92070
Cemetery	29807	32150	33112	35037
Village hall	37022	37835	59352	39427
Total	238260	252626	306043	292607

Capital expenditure – spending on new items and projects is also spread over several areas: -

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
General	16845	11200	15448	0
Recreation	10033	13379	11360	12200
Village Hall	2820	15587	14665	13600
Cemetery	0	1115	2989	0
Total	29698	41281	44462	25800

The Parish Council is committed to those opportunities which we believe will be of benefit to the wider community. The plans for the community hospital and the Health and Social Care group have been aided by the expertise in this field by Rosemary Hurlley, and the Council are grateful for her time and effort in this area. It is hoped that the PCT will make a decision regarding the new hospital later in 2008.

The Parish Council sponsored the 2008 Cranleigh Young Person of the Year campaign in partnership with the Surrey Advertiser and Max Cheesmar, was announced as the winner at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Martin Thompson, Philip Hatch and Adam Gale were given special awards for their contribution to the community.

As in previous years, we received a grant from the Henry Smith's Charity to be spent on disadvantaged local residents. This year we received £4,400 and agreed to transfer £4,400 to the Cranleigh Community Fund which distributes it on our behalf.

CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL has twelve members for 2008 -2009. Each member (Parish Councillor) is elected to represent one of the five wards in the parish and serves for a period of four years. The next Parish Council elections are due to be held in May 2011.

The Parish Councillors elected in May 2007 for the period of four years are:-

Cranleigh West

Cllr John Bainbridge 01483 275949 CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Cllr Brian Ellis 01483 272929 CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis 01483 272929

Cllr Stewart Stennett 01483 275038

Cranleigh East

Cllr Brian Cheesman 01483 273293 VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CEMETERY C'TTEE

Cllr Mrs Jean E Dodd 01483 278184 CHAIRMAN OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr David Gallacher 01483 280835

Cllr Mrs Rosemary Hurlley 01483 272052

Cllr Ken Reed 01483 271896

Cranleigh North

Cllr Mary Foryszewski 01483 273020 CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cranleigh Rural

Cllr Brian Arendell 01483 273204

Elmbridge

Cllr Cyril Baily 01483 278471

The Parish Council holds monthly full meetings every third Thursday of the month except for August. The Parish Council is serviced by four committees, the Planning Committee which usually meets every three weeks on Monday evenings, the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Village Hall Committee and the Cemetery Committee. The latter three meet approximately four times a year.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Council or its committees although there are occasions when meetings must go into private session when dealing with matters of a confidential nature, these are usually at the end of the meetings and an indication will be given to exclude members of the public and press. A fifteen minute public forum is available before all Parish Council Meetings when members of the public who live or work in the parish may ask questions relating to the work of the parish council.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members of the Parish Council are invited to be observers at meetings of organizations in Cranleigh and are able to report back on the activities taking place at the Parish Council Meetings.

The observers for 2008

Age Concern* now covered by Age Concern Waverley*	Cllr Mrs P Ellis	Cllr Mrs R.Hurtley
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England - Cranleigh	Cllr Mrs P Ellis	
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England - London	Cllr J Bainbridge	
Cranfold Job Club	Cllr B Cheesman	
Cranleigh Active (formerly Cranleigh Sports Council)	Cllr J Bainbridge	
Cranleigh Arts	Cllr Mrs J Dodd	
Cranleigh Community Fund	Cllr Mrs J Dodd	Cllr Mrs P Ellis (deputy)
Cranleigh Initiative	Cllr B Ellis	Cllr B Cheesman
Cranleigh Transportation Task Group	Cllr J Bainbridge	
Cranleigh Vallendar Club	Cllr B Cheesman	
Cranleigh Youth Centre	Cllr K Reed	Cllr Mrs P Ellis (deputy)
Henry Smith Charity	Cllr B Cheesman	Cllr B Arendell
	Cllr Mrs P Ellis	Cllr Mrs J Dodd
Library	Cllr Mrs P Ellis	
PCT Design	Cllr Mrs R. Hurlley	
SCAPTC	Cllr B Ellis	Cllr D Gallacher (deputy)
Surrey Community Action	Cllr Mrs P Ellis	
Village Design Statement	Cllr Mrs J Dodd	Cllr J Bainbridge

CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL 2008/9 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

JULY 2008		FEBRUARY 2009	
Monday 14 th July	Planning	Monday 16 th February	Planning
Thursday 17 th July	Parish Council	Thursday 19 th February	Parish Council
AUGUST 2008		MARCH 2009	
Monday 4 th August	Planning	Wednesday 3 rd March	F&GP
Tuesday 26 th August	Planning	Thursday 5 th March	Village Hall
SEPTEMBER 2008		Monday 9 th March	Planning
Monday 15 th September	Planning	Thursday 12 th March	Cemetery
Thursday 18 th September	Parish Council	Thursday 19 th March	Parish Council
OCTOBER 2008		Monday 30 th March	Planning
Monday 6 th October	Planning	APRIL 2009	
Thursday 9 th October	Cemetery (Budget)	Thursday 16 th April	Parish Council
Thursday 16 th October	Parish Council	Monday 20 th April	Planning
Thursday 23 rd October	Village Hall (Budget)	MAY 2009	
Monday 27 th October	Planning	Monday 11 th May	Planning
Tuesday 28 th October	F&GP	Thursday 21 st May	Annual Parish Council Meeting
NOVEMBER 2008		Wednesday 27 th May	Annual Parish Meeting – Village Hall
Monday 17 th November	Planning	JUNE 2009	
Thursday 20 th November	Parish Council	Monday 1 st June	Planning
Tuesday 25 th November	F & GP	Thursday 11 th June	Cemetery
DECEMBER 2008		Thursday 18 th June	Parish Council Meeting
Monday 8 th December	Planning	Monday 22 nd June	Planning
Thursday 18 th December	Parish Council	Thursday 25 th June	Village Hall
JANUARY 2009		All meetings are held in the Chamber at the Parish Council Offices, Village Way Cranleigh and start at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome at all meetings.	
Monday 5 th January	Planning		
Tuesday 6 th January	F&GP (provisional)		
Thursday 15 th January	Parish Council		
Monday 26 th January	Planning		

Useful Contacts

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Website: www.surrey.police.uk

Waverley Borough Council Locality Office Leisure
Centre, Village Way, Cranleigh
Telephone - 01483 277399

Surrey County Council,

General Enquiries, Telephone - 08456 009009

Website:- www.surreycc.gov.uk

Graffiti Hotline

Telephone 01483 523425

Website:- GraffitiHotline.co.uk

Trading Standards

Use this website to check if companies have been
vetted and approved by Trading Standards.

Website:- www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

SNOXHALL PLAY PARK

Work has commenced on installing the extended fence line which is the first physical milestone in the Snoxhall Play Project. The money for this comes from the Big Lottery Fund and was secured by the Parish Council working in partnership with Waverley Borough Council. The Parish Council are also working in partnership with the Probation Services community gang who hope to install the fencing over a period of four to five weeks. The existing playground will remain open throughout the work.

In early September the Playground will be closed whilst pathways are laid and some landscaping work is undertaken. The Parish Council is delighted to work with Glebelands School who hope to provide some specimen trees, and some shrubs as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations. The Parish Council gave a £500 grant to Glebelands towards this project.

A group of enthusiastic members of the community have joined together to form a 'Friends of Snoxhall Play Park' group to raise funds for equipment at the extended play park. They are holding a public meeting on July 10th to gain more support and to encourage more people to become involved. Local groups are able to access funding not accessible to the Parish Council and by raising funds there will be the opportunity to accelerate the provision of equipment in the Play Park.

YOUTH SHELTER AT SNOXHALL



The Parish Council has allotted £7,500 funding for a youth shelter to replace the 'fifty penny piece' bus shelter which was sited in Snoxhall Fields. The shelter was erected in Snoxhall Fields around two years ago as a meeting place for all members of the community. It was demolished following extensive structural damage sustained over a period of time. The Parish Council has worked with young people in the community, the Cranleigh Youth worker and Parish Council Grounds Manager to ascertain which shelter the young people of Cranleigh would like to use. The traditional style was most popular and it is hoped that a shelter of this type will be installed during August.

SURREY AND SUSSEX AIR AMBULANCE

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Brian Ellis and Cllr Brian Arendell, the Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee recently spent some time with Surrey Air Ambulance learning about the work of the Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance organisation. The Parish Council recently donated £100 towards the running of the Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance service which is based at Dunsfold Park. In addition, the Parish Council gave grant funding of £300 towards two EZ-IO's which are mini drills which can enter into the bones to administer necessary drugs.

Cllr Ellis is pictured holding the EZ10 with Cllr Arendell and members of the Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance crew.



VILLAGE HALL	CEMETERY	TREE ON HIGH STREET
<p>Painting work will take place on the exterior of the Village Hall whilst the Hall is closed in August. This time last year the interior of the Hall was painted. Bookings for the Village Hall can be made by telephoning 01483 272311.</p>	<p>The Parish Council is responsible for the cemetery in Dewlands Lane, Cranleigh. Any enquiries regarding the cemetery should be directed to the Parish Council Office.</p>	<p>The tree outside Cromwell's coffee shop was targeted by vandals earlier in the year and the crown was snapped off. Over the past couple of months there have been shoots springing from the scar and it has now formed an attractive specimen which can be enjoyed at eye level!!</p>

THE BIG DEBATE

The Parish Council invited Stephen Thwaites, Strategic Director at Waverley Borough Council to the Annual Parish Meeting to outline what this means for Cranleigh. Basically the South East Plan has directed that there needs to be an additional 5,000 houses built in the Waverley district over the next fifteen to twenty years. The Parish Council wanted to understand what this meant for Cranleigh and the neighbouring communities. Broadly speaking the options are:-To continue to limit new housing to locations within our towns and villages; To allow some new housing to be built on the edge of Farnham (including Badshot Lea), Godalming, Haslemere (including Hindhead and Beacon Hill) and Cranleigh; To allow some new housing to be built on the edge of Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and Cranleigh **and** the larger villages; To allow some new housing to be built within and on the edge of the villages generally; To explore the possibility of a new village. Waverley Borough council is encouraging residents to take part in a survey to make their views known.

ALLOTMENTS

Cranleigh Parish Council is responsible for allotments at Beryl Harvey Field, off Knowle Lane and allotments at Elmbridge Road. Due to the upsurge in interest in growing your own vegetables there is an unprecedented number of people on the waiting list for allotments. In order to address this the Parish Council is writing to those who have more than one allotment to gauge if there are any allotments which are likely to be free at the end of the March 2009 season, and investigating the possibility of creating six additional half sized plots at Elmbridge Road.

CONSERVATION AREA

Did you know that Cranleigh has its own conservation area owned by the Parish Council and managed by the Cranleigh Conservation Volunteers. The area can be accessed from a gate off Knowle Lane and provides an area where local wildlife can be encouraged and thrive. If anyone is interested in joining the Cranleigh Conservation Volunteers please contact the Parish Council Office and your name and contact details will be passed to the Cranleigh Conservation Group leader.

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT

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.

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Available from, the Parish Council Offices, Locality Office, Library, Village Hall, Arts Centre and downloadable from the website www.cranleighpc.org. A copy is displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Dear Sir/ Madam,

The Parish Council is endeavouring to maintain and, where possible, improve our service to you. It is important that we know how we are performing. To help us achieve this we have included in this annual report newsletter a customer satisfaction survey and we would be grateful if you could complete, detach, and return the form. It will only take a few minutes and your views are important to us. Unless you wish otherwise, any comments made can remain anonymous.

1. Where did you see this newsletter.
 - a. on the website
 - b. by picking up a hard copy.

2. If you had a copy of the newsletter where did you get it?
 - a Parish Council Office
 - b Locality Office
 - c. Arts Centre
 - d. Other – please indicate where.

3. Do you know where the Parish Council Offices are in Cranleigh, and that they are open every weekday from 9.30am to 12.30pm?
 - a Yes
 - b No

- 4 Did you know that the Parish Council has a website which provides a host of information about the Parish Council and your Councillors, as well as links to other sites? (www.cranleighpc.org)
 - a Yes
 - b No.

- 5 Given your knowledge of the services that are provided by the Parish Council, do you think that it provides value for money? (In 2007/08 a Band D property contributed £39.24 in 2008/09 that rose only 2.1% to £40.06)
 - a Yes
 - b No

Should you wish to add any further comments, please do so in the space below. Alternatively you may contact the Clerk to the Council at the Council Offices.

Comments

Optional details: (Please add your name and address and telephone number if you wish to be contacted)