

# News Letter Cranleigh Parish Council



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## Parish Precept for 2011/12

The Parish Council agreed a Parish Precept of two hundred and forty six thousand, three hundred and thirty one pounds at their December Meeting. This represents an increase of £1.14 per annum or 2.1 pence per week on the current Parish Precept at Band D of £45.63.

The 2.48% increase was made in the light of advice from the leader of Surrey County Council which stated that all local authorities were expecting challenging settlements from the government, and that there would be a need to devolve delivery of services, where suitable. With all levels of government except town and parish councils, being subject to capping, it is this sector that is most likely to pick up additional services. Town and Parish Councils are able to tap into local knowledge and provide services for the needs of their communities, often more effectively than Borough or County Councils.

Localism and working together towards a 'Big Society' is the message being spread from government. Cranleigh has been working collaboratively with other agencies for a number of years now as part of our vision statement and business plan, and we will continue to work in this way to gain the best for our community.

The budget for 2011/12 includes £5,000 in preparation for the possibility of having to act quickly to take on responsibility for services currently provided by other authorities. We are aware that in some cases the services may be cut dramatically or even lost if the Parish Council does not step in.

We are currently in negotiation with Waverley to take over the public conveniences on Village Way and on the Common, and we are discussing other services that could be improved by providing them locally. The 2011/12 budget includes setting aside money to replace or improve existing assets owned by the Parish Council, the provision of hard standing for parking at Elmbridge allotments and money to upgrade some litter bins in the High Street.

We have worked hard to improve standards within our business and achieved a great deal over the last five years. We were one of the first parishes in Surrey to attain Quality Parish Status and the Power of Wellbeing, both of which established Cranleigh as a forward thinking, professional organisation. We have promoted strong working partnerships with the users of our facilities and other organisations within Cranleigh to gain the best we possibly can for our residents. We have implemented the use of new technology when possible, installing a CCTV system at Snoxhall and the Village Hall which has enabled us to work proactively with the Police and been a deterrent to 'would be' vandals. We have championed the production of an emergency plan and worked with the Borough Council and other organisations to achieve an upgraded and extended Play Park with minimal impact on the local taxpayers. Snoxhall pavilion was upgraded to provide improved accessibility for users and welfare facilities for our staff. The Village Hall has been decorated inside and out, had a new floor in the Main Hall, new chairs and improvements to the lighting.

Whilst we have provided improved services and achieved a great deal on behalf of our residents over the last eight years, the cost at Band D to council tax payers has increased by only just over 1% per year

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## Meet our new councillors.....

### Welcome to Bijiwell Banda

Bijiwell was co-opted to the Council in November. He has lived in Cranleigh since 2002 and is married with two grown up children. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Horsham Road. Bijiwell's career for the past 20 or so years has been in the hospitality industry having worked as an Accountant and Company Secretary.



Bijiwell has a keen interest in all aspects of community development, particularly in matters regarding accounts, finance, budgets and administration. He is an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) and is also a member of Cranford Job Seekers' Club.

**Ward: Elmbridge**

### Welcome to David Gill

David was co-opted to the Council in November and has lived in Cranleigh since 1977. Married with two grown up sons, his career has been in Human Resource Management within the construction and facilities management industries.



Recently retired from full time employment, he is a member of The Rotary Club of Cranleigh as well as being a Trustee of several local charities.

David's interests include tennis, cycling, walking and helping to preserve what is so good about Cranleigh as a great place to live.

**Ward: West**



## Elections for Parish Councillors

The next election is due to be held on **Thursday 05 May 2011**.

Nominations from candidates will be invited in **March 2011**.

### Below are just a few keys points about Cranleigh Parish Council:

#### What is Cranleigh Parish Council?

•It is a local authority and acts corporately as a statutory body. Cranleigh Parish Council comprises 12 Councillors. The Chairman of the Council is elected annually from among the Councillors.

#### What can your Parish Council do?

- Act within the scope of the statutory functions laid down by Parliament.
- Own land and other assets. In Cranleigh, the Council owns Snoxhall Recreation Ground including the sports pavilion, tennis courts and Play Park, the Village Hall and Dewlands Lane Cemetery. We also own the Beryl Harvey Allotments off Knowle Lane and the Elmbridge Road Allotments. We have responsibility for some of the flowerbeds in the High Street.
- Employ staff. We employ a full time Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk, a part time Administration Clerk, a Grounds Manager, a Groundsman, Sexton, Caretaker at the Village Hall and a General Works Assistant.
- Appoint an officer to manage its financial affairs. This is usually the Parish Clerk.
- Raise a tax through precept and set a budget for income and expenditure. The Parish Council element of your Council Tax will be £46.77 for a Band D property in 2011/12.

## Elections for Parish Councillors continued...

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### How does the Council make its decisions?

•Decision making is done through the full Council, but it can delegate powers to Committees. Individual Councillors cannot make decisions. Cranleigh Parish Council has a Planning Committee, Finance Committee, Village Hall Committee and Cemetery Committee. In some cases working parties or sub-committees are appointed to bring back information to the full Council to enable decisions to be made. The full Council meets every month except August. The Planning Committee meets every three weeks and the other Committees meet approximately every three months.

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## Christmas in Cranleigh

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Congratulations to Emma Dawson, the Cranleigh Co-ordinator, Roger Coupe, the President of the Chamber of Commerce and all of those who were involved in making this year's run up to Christmas in Cranleigh such an enjoyable event.

Community events such as the Christmas light switch on, Spring into Cranleigh and summer events in Stocklund Square and Fountain Square are organised by the Cranleigh Initiative. The Cranleigh Initiative is a group of representatives from the local community and local businesses who work alongside the Parish Council and Waverley Borough Council to provide opportunities for Cranleigh. The events are intended to bring people together to enjoy the variety of facilities that Cranleigh can offer.

This year the Parish Council agreed to apply for a premises licence to enable street entertainment in certain areas of Cranleigh for community events such as those leading up to Christmas. The licence will cover the pavements along the length of the High Street, Stocklund Square, Fountain Square, Snoxhall Fields, the two car parks in Cranleigh and areas of the Common. The licence will cover live



dance, music, plays and entertainment of a similar nature, within restricted hours and for a maximum of 15 days a year.

Whilst this will mainly cover the events organised by the Cranleigh Initiative, there may be the opportunity for other organisations to benefit from the licence.

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## Land Exchange

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We are delighted to have finally completed the land exchange with Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust, of the paddock field on Knowle Lane for land on the other side of Knowle Lane which is to provide new playing fields. The grounds, which will be known as the Bruce McKenzie Memorial Field, will give Cranleigh sportsmen, women and children much increased recreational facilities in the future, and will also include a full size football pitch. The smaller paddock field, which is south of the Downslink, will now provide the site for the new Cranleigh Hospital together with its increased health and care facilities.

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### Did you know.....

That agendas and minutes of the Parish Council's public meetings are available at [www.cranleighpc.org](http://www.cranleighpc.org)?

**CRANLEIGH VILLAGE HALL  
AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

**Weddings - Fayres - Dances  
Private Parties - Concerts  
Jumble Sales - Exhibitions  
Plays - Commercial Sales  
Meetings - Indoor Sports**

**For further information / bookings  
please telephone  
01483 272311**

**Cranleigh Village Hall**

Cranleigh Village Hall hosts many events that are popular with our local community. There is either a flea market or charity sale on most Thursdays during the year except when the Arts and Crafts Society have their spring and autumn exhibitions and during August when the Hall is closed.

The Hall is used for stage and choral productions and there are regular concerts and quizzes held throughout the year. In addition there is the opportunity to take part in line dancing classes and to attend blood donor sessions.

In addition, the Village Hall is an ideal venue for wedding receptions, private parties, meetings and exhibitions.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the events or hiring the Hall please contact the Parish Council office.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER** to set up a Speedwatch initiative in Cranleigh, as part of the SMART campaign to combat anti-social driving? If you are interested, or for more details please contact the Parish Council Office on 01483 272311 or by e-mail, [clerk@cranleighpc.org](mailto:clerk@cranleighpc.org).

**Parking at Snoxhall Fields**

Car parking at Snoxhall Fields was discussed at a recent Council meeting following concerns regarding safety from cars to those using the recreation fields.

We decided to withdraw all parking permits at Snoxhall Car Park from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and to introduce a long term management plan for the car park and to explore the possibility of working in partnership with Waverley Borough Council to make the area a pay and display facility.

*The small car park at Snoxhall Fields is intended for those who use the recreation fields and the Play Park only. Those using the car park should do so safely and considerately.*

**Grants and Donations**

The Parish Council has a small grants fund that can be allocated to capital projects which give a tangible and immediate benefit to the local community. Donations can be given up to the value of £100. Usually, funding can only be given under the powers bestowed on Parish Councils, but as Cranleigh has the Power of Well-being we can support projects as long as they give either economic, environmental or social well-being to members of the parish.

The Finance Committee awarded funding to seven organisations at their October meeting. Among these were Cranleigh Youth Club, who put forward a successful application for £250 towards a dishwasher. This useful piece of equipment will be especially appreciated by those using the Youth Café.

A sum of £450 was awarded to the Cranleigh Rotary and Chamber Map Fund towards a display board/notice board which will be sited on Parish Council land on Village Way.

St Joseph's Specialist School and College received £346 towards volunteer transport and Girlguiding Cranleigh Village District received £500 towards toilet refurbishment in the Guide Hall.

## Spinning equipment for Snoxhall Play Park

We are very grateful to the Action for Cranleigh Play Park Association who have donated £1,560 to provide two 'spinning bowls' for the Play Park at Snoxhall.

The 'spinning bowls' which are for the 4 to 9 age range will be installed in the new year and will provide additional enjoyment to those who use the Park.

The group have already provided the funding for the 'Supa Nova' roundabout which is a very popular piece of equipment and which is widely used.

There will be a board erected to recognise those parties that have contributed to the Play Park later this year.

## Litter news

Many thanks to Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis for organising the autumn litter pick on 13<sup>th</sup> November and to all of those who took part.

Local people joined forces with councillors to collect litter from around Cranleigh and to make sure that all was looking neat and tidy for the Remembrance Parade the following day.

Litter was collected from several areas including the High Street, Ewhurst Road and the Down's Link. One couple even braved Knowle Lane and collected a significant amount of litter which had most likely been thrown from passing cars.

We would like to thank Waverley Borough Council for their support in this venture and for making a special Saturday collection to collect the litter sacks.



## Public Council meetings – come and see how your local council works

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 about the work of the Council to the councillors.

The next Parish Council meetings are scheduled for: "

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011,  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The next Planning meetings are scheduled for:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011,  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011.

The next Village Hall Committee meeting is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011. The next Cemetery Committee meeting is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and the next Finance meeting is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

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

For more information or copies of agendas and minutes please visit [www.cranleighpc.org](http://www.cranleighpc.org) which is linked to the Cranleigh Village website.

Larger text versions are available on request - contact 01483 272311

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## List of useful Contacts

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## Your Parish Councillors

### CRANLEIGH EAST

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Cllr Mrs Jean Dodd	01483 278184
Cllr David Gallacher	01483 280835
Cllr Mrs Rosemary Hurtley	01483 272052
Cllr Ken Reed	01483 271896

### CRANLEIGH WEST

Cllr Dr Vivienne Dawes	01483 272017
Cllr Brian Ellis <i>CHAIRMAN</i>	01483 272929
Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis	01483 272929
Cllr David Gill	01483 271565

### CRANLEIGH NORTH

Cllr Mary Forsyszewski	01483 273020
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### ELMBRIDGE

Cllr Bijiwell Banda	01483 274155
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### CRANLEIGH RURAL

Cllr Brian Arendell	01483 273204
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## Who does what in Cranleigh?

.....the most frequently asked questions

### Cranleigh Parish Council

- Allotments at Elmbridge Road and Beryl Harvey Field
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Conservation Area at Snoxhall
- Cranleigh Official Guide
- Dewlands Lane Cemetery
- Grants – local and capital grants only
- High Street Flowerbeds
- Notice Boards in Cranleigh
- Parish Council Offices
- Snoxhall Fields
- Snoxhall Play Park
- Snoxhall Pavilion
- Tennis Courts
- Village Hall
- War Memorial
- The Cranleigh Initiative (sponsored by Cranleigh Parish Council and Waverley Borough Council) is responsible for Christmas Lights and associated events.

### Waverley Borough Council

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Building Control
- Bus Permits
- Car Parks and Fines
- Commons
- Council Tax Enquiries
- Electoral Registration
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Housing/ Homelessness
- Leisure Centres
- Licensing
- Noise Pollution
- Pest Control
- Planning
- Queensway and Lashmere Playgrounds/ Skate Park
- Recycling/ Refuse/Special Collections
- Street Cleaning/ Litter/ Public Toilets
- Taxi/Private Hire Licensing

### Surrey County Council

- Education
- Environment
- Footways
- Highways
- Libraries
- Minerals
- Street Lighting
- Social Services
- Transport
- Trading Standards
- Waste Disposal