

Cranleigh Parish Council

Annual Report 2012

The precept set by Cranleigh Parish Council for 2012/13 at its December meeting reflects changes in local service provision, a reduction by Waverley Borough Council in its contribution to recreation funding, provision for costs related to the Youth Centre and a modest recognition of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012.

The potential loss of Cranleigh's public conveniences, prompted us to seek local public opinion earlier in 2011. Overwhelmingly our local community felt that this service should not be lost to our residents, therefore, we agreed to take responsibility for the conveniences on Village Way and those on the Common. Whilst Waverley will continue to fund the conveniences in the first year, with reduced phased funding for the next two years, we have set aside a small amount of money for any unexpected expenditure that may be required.

Changes in the way that youth services in Cranleigh are delivered have also had an impact on the Parish Council's budget for the coming year, as it is likely that we will have to take responsibility for the Youth Centre during 2012 when its lease comes to an end.

Waverley Borough Council has proposed that the Compensatory Grant, paid as a contribution towards for the cost of recreations services, would be reduced by a further 12% in 2012/13. The Grant had previously been reduced by 10% in 2011/12.

The Council continues to maintain stringent control on all expenditure whilst endeavouring to provide a first class service and excellent value to our community. While the combined cost of making provision for the above items is equivalent to 5.9% of the current year's precept, the Council has been able to set a precept only 3.5% higher than the current year. The impact to Council Tax Payers at Band D will therefore only be an increase



equivalent to 3.25 pence a week. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrates 60 years on the throne in June 2012 and the Parish Council would like to mark this occasion, as other significant anniversaries have been marked in Cranleigh in the past. There is a local initiative to provide six commemorative benches in Cranleigh, and we would like to work in partnership to realise this project for our community. A contribution of the cost of one bench will be taken from reserves.

Tell us what YOU think about issues which affect our community...we can be contacted by telephone on 01483 272311, by e-mail at clerk@cranleighpc.org, or through our website on www.cranleighpc.org.

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If you are interested in helping out with community events such as Spring into Cranleigh or the Christmas Light Switch on please let us know. Any help you can give will make a difference to your community.