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A message from the Parish Council

We wish all of our residents a Happy New Year!

The Christmas light switch on 23rd November brought crowds of people into Cranleigh's High Street to enjoy a full day's programme of events. The highlight of the event, organised by the Parish Council in partnership with the Cranleigh Chamber of Trade and Commerce, was the switching on of the lights at 5pm by a very special visitor from the North



Pole. By the time the Lions brought surprise visitor, Santa Claus along the High Street in his sleigh, there was a carpet of snow in Fountain Square to add to the magic!

Gemma Radford, the Event Co-ordinator for Cranleigh had arranged children's entertainment along with fairground rides, a face painter and an Italian market. There were displays from various local organisations, a craft fayre at the Village Hall and the Library organised a Christmas Rhyme Time for children.

Cranleigh resident Sharon Duggan led a programme of live music which included a selection of carols performed by local choirs. Particularly notable was Kirsten who sang "Walking in the Air" from Raymond Briggs, The Snowman.



The event was an opportunity to support the independent shops that make Cranleigh such a unique gem in the Surrey Hills, and which are so important in keeping our High Street alive.

The Christmas lights are provided by the Cranleigh Chamber of Trade and Commerce who run a 100 club throughout the year to fund the lights. If anyone wishes to join the 100 club please contact the secretary of the Chamber, Mrs Jane O'Leary on 01483 276100.

We are now looking forward to the Spring into Cranleigh event will take place on Saturday 2nd May 2013. Look out for more information nearer to the time, we look forward to seeing you there.



All newsletters are available on our website www.cranleighpc.org.

Village Hall roof



The work on replacing some roof joists and re-tiling the Village Hall roof was successfully completed in November.

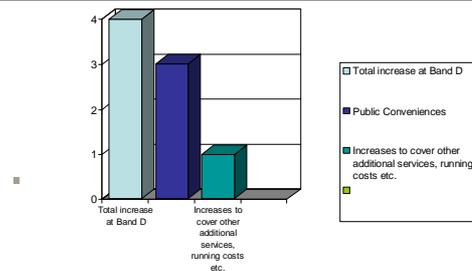
The work took place over an eight week period. Whilst undertaking the work, our project manager identified additional work to the porch at the front of the Village Hall and on the high level gutters. However, whilst the work was scheduled to cost £79,000, it is likely that the final bill, including the additional work will fall below that figure.

The Council has successfully applied to the Public Works Loan Board to secure a £60,000 loan which will be paid back over six years.

If you would like to hire the Village Hall, please contact the Parish Council on 01483 272311.

Parish Council Precept for 2014/15

The Parish Council were faced with some tough decisions when setting its precept for 2014/15, but finally settled on an increase in the precept of £23,010, giving a final precept figure of £268,818. This gives a Band D equivalent Council Tax charge of £53.91 per year against last year's figure of £49.91 – a £4 increase.



Over the last three years we have taken responsibility for the Youth Centre, the Youth Café, the Bruce MacKenzie Memorial Field and the Public Conveniences in Cranleigh. In addition we have made significant improvements to Snoxhall Play Park, Snoxhall Pavilion and the Village Hall roof. The Parish Council now provides the funding for the Cranleigh Events Co-ordinator in addition to its wide portfolio of assets and activities.

At the same time that the Council has been embracing the Localism agenda, there have been reductions in funding levels. The Compensatory Grant, paid to the Parish Council because we provide local recreation grounds will have reduced by over £10,000 since 2011/12 and in 2014/15 will only provide £27,500 towards the total projected annual cost of £92,739 for recreational facilities.

Changes to the Council Tax Benefit System introduced by the Coalition Government last year meant that Cranleigh's Council tax base was reduced. Waverley Borough Council awarded a grant of £8,129 to help to offset the adverse effect of the new system, this year it has been reduced to £7,258.

Our local community overwhelmingly supported the Parish Council taking responsibility for Cranleigh's Public Conveniences at a time when Waverley Borough Council were considering closing them. The funding, which was phased over three years, will reduce significantly in 2014/15 and this has impacted on the final increase of £4 on our precept for the coming year, as £3 per household (Band D equivalents) is to cover the cost of providing Public Conveniences in Cranleigh.

The precept for 2014/15 has enabled the charges for our building hires to remain the same as 2013/14, allowed 15,000 to be set aside towards a Neighbourhood Plan, will enable the pathway between the wooden bridge leading from Village Way at Snoxhall towards Snoxhall Car Park to be resurfaced and will enable us to explore further lighting at Snoxhall.

In addition we will be undertaking maintenance to the floors at the Village Hall and Youth Centre, and upgrading the facilities for sport at Snoxhall Pavilion.

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR FUTURE

What sort of place will YOUR Cranleigh be, 15 years from now? WE WANT YOU TO DECIDE!

Cranleigh now has a once in a generation chance to produce its own plan to say how it will change over the next 15 years.

Come along to the Launch Event on Monday 13th January 2014 and find out more.

What you need to know:

A Neighbourhood Plan is your chance to shape the future of Cranleigh. It is about building neighbourhoods, not stopping growth. New planning powers handed to the Parish Council by Parliament give the local residential and business community a say on what happens over the next 15 years.

“What power will this give us?” The neighbourhood plan will provide some of the important policies which future planning applications – of all kinds – will be judged against. Therefore it is a document that will have a major say on whether applications in the parish are approved or refused. That power is in your hands. This has never been the case before, so this is genuinely ground breaking.

“Doesn't the Borough Council produce this plan?” Up until recently they were the only ones permitted to produce a plan. But the Coalition Government's localism agenda has passed the power on local matters to local people. The Borough Council's plan will still be important in setting the high level planning policies, but with a Neighbourhood Plan in place, Cranleigh people will have a much greater say in deciding where housing will be built, although sites designated as strategic by Waverley Borough Council cannot be overturned.

“So what can our Neighbourhood Plan cover?” This is largely up to you. The Parish Council has suggested a few issues it considers to be important, including:

- **Demographics** – how to deal with an ageing population.
- **Affordable Housing** – how to provide housing which will encourage our young people to stay in Cranleigh.
- **Our High Street** – how to maintain the vitality of our High Street and encourage business growth.
- **Infrastructure** – how to deal with deficits which already can cause issues.

These are just ideas – ultimately what the Neighbourhood Plan covers is up to you.

“How can we get involved?” This is not the Parish Council's plan, it is the community's plan. Without the involvement of local residents, local business owners, community groups, landowners, etc, we have no Neighbourhood Plan. It is likely that a Neighbourhood Plan will take between eighteen months and two years from start to finish and will need sustained input. We need your help.

There will be a launch evening on **Monday 13th January 2014, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on the High Street in Cranleigh. Refreshments will be available from 7pm.**

At this event we will tell you more about the neighbourhood plan and how you can get involved. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have and to register your interest in getting involved. Don't worry, this won't take up vast amounts of your time, but it will give you a chance to shape the issues you feel passionate about in Cranleigh.



OurPlaceOurPlan

Tell your friends, colleagues and anyone else you know – encourage them to get involved too. Others across the country are doing this in their communities and are finding out that it can be a lot of fun!

Only Cranleigh residents and business owners are eligible to contribute to Cranleigh's Neighbourhood Plan.

Snoxhall Fields Dog Area

The Parish Council has decided to no longer offer an area at Snoxhall Fields specifically for dogs. The dog area is fairly close to the extended children's play area and we have become aware that many people were allowing their dogs to foul and not clearing up after themselves. We are aware that almost 100 children a year pick up serious infection because of dog mess. In some cases it has resulted in blindness. 1 in 50 of us are carriers of toxocariasis – the worm that if lodged behind the eye causes blindness. The Council has decided that it cannot take the risk of machinery contaminated by dog waste being taken across the rest of the grounds. It's unpleasant and dangerous.

Signage will be removed during the coming months and the area will be maintained as amenity grassland.

The Parish Council provides dog waste bins and those taking their dogs to exercise at Snoxhall will be encouraged to dispose of the waste in the bins provided or to take it home.

Please help us to keep our recreation area safe for all of our users.

Cranleigh in Bloom



The Parish Council, Chamber of Commerce, Waverley Borough Council, the Cranford Confederation of Schools (represented by St Joseph's Specialist School) and U3A are working together as part of a community project to improve planting on the High Street and are organising Cranleigh's inaugural entry into the South and South East Region In Bloom competition for 2014. They have encouraged local shops, schools, community groups and residents

to get together and plant over 2,000 bulbs, clean up flower beds and transform Cranleigh into a beautiful and flower-filled village, with the new flowers blooming from February 2014.

Flowerbeds throughout the village will be PLANTED in a patriotic red, white and blue – with a continuous planting scheme transforming Cranleigh into a riotous bloom of fresh colour. GRANT FUNDING IS BEING SOUGHT TO ENABLE the War Memorial TO BE cleaned in honour of its centenary anniversary and the flower beds will be replanted to ensure it is a fitting centrepiece for the village. Perennial plants are being used to ensure the scheme is sustainable and doesn't waste money or resources.

Cranleigh resident and Garden Designer, Gill Ford, who is on the Steering Group to enter Cranleigh into the contest, commented; "It's been lovely to see people from across the village and all walks of life collaborating to help make Cranleigh full of flowers. Everyone is so enthused and it has been fantastic to see so many mucking in – often literally – together. We need as many residents as possible to get involved and make this a real success - whether that's offering their expertise, especially publicity, helping to organise events, donating plants or encouraging others to be part of the exciting contest."

This is the first time Cranleigh has entered the competition, with a 2014 trial run before the village embarks on a serious attempt to win the overall trophy in 2015! Each year, approximately 75 communities are nominated to the UK Finals of Britain in Bloom on the basis of their outstanding achievement at regional level. An estimated 2 million UK residents benefit each year from the impacts of the Britain on Bloom finalist communities' local gardening and greening efforts.

Cranleigh in Bloom is not just about flowers in the High Street; it is about community involvement, increased civic pride and that is what is making this initiative so special, as it will involve local school children, businesses and residents of Cranleigh village community – in fact everyone.

A full calendar of events organised so far will be available soon and the Steering Group really need your help – so please contact gillmford@hotmail.com

Beryl Harvey Conservation Field

Many local residents may not be aware of the Beryl Harvey Field which is a two acre field in Knowle Lane, owned by Cranleigh Parish Council. The land was donated by Mr John Harvey in memory of his late wife and for the benefit of the people of Cranleigh. It has been managed by Cranleigh and District Conservation Volunteers since 1987 as a wildlife area, with funding from Heritage Lottery Fund, the Co-operative Society and the Gatwick Conservation Fund.

The Beryl Harvey Field is situated off Knowle Lane and it can be accessed from Snoxhall Fields, by walking past the Beryl Harvey allotments and through the copse. An interpretation board gives a good indication of what you can expect to find on the site.

In spring a wide range of flowers start to bloom – amongst the earliest are roses, bluebells, an increasing number of cowslips and many common spotted orchids. A small number of native wild daffodils have been established. A good variety of birds can be seen and heard, some undoubtedly attracted by the pond and nest boxes.

As we move into summer more flowers appear including lady's bedstraw, betony and birdsfoot trefoil (which is a food plant for the common blue butterfly). Later, in good years, clouds of common blue butterflies can be seen, together with meadow brown and gatekeeper butterflies, large and small skyyer, and large and small white butterflies, nectaring on the profusion of knapweed flowers. There are also occasional sightings of small copper and green hairstreak butterflies. Several species of dragonfly can be seen around the now, well established pond, and it's not unusual to see a fox with her cubs that were born on-site.

Autumn can produce large numbers of fungi and wild fruit for birds, lots of conkers on the southern boundary and good leaf colour. A flock of gold finches feed on the knapweed seed heads.

In winter it is not unusual to see a small flock of sheep grazing, to keep the grass in check, as they, unlike a mower, do not destroy the developing ant hills.

The Beryl Harvey Field is a haven of wildlife and an opportunity to examine nature. Members of the public are welcome to visit at any time, except where the sheep are present.

Dogs are not allowed at any time of year.

The Cranleigh and District Volunteers are a voluntary organisation. Should you require any further information please contact the Parish Council who can put you in touch with them.

Litter



Many thanks to all of the volunteers who turned out on a very wet November day to collect litter in and around Cranleigh. Despite the weather the volunteers collected at least thirty bags of rubbish which were collected by Waverley Borough Council who are working in partnership with the Parish Council. The dates for the litter picks in 2014 will be announced in the new year.

For more information contact Cllr P Ellis on 01483 272929, or the Parish Council Office.

Who does what in Cranleigh?**.....an easy guide****Cranleigh Parish Council****01483 272311**

- Allotments at Elmbridge Road and Beryl Harvey Field
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Conservation Area at Snoxhall
- Dewlands Lane Cemetery
- Events co-ordination
- Grants – local and capital grants only
- High Street Flowerbeds
- Notice Boards in Cranleigh*
- Parish Council Offices
- Public Conveniences
- Snoxhall Fields
- Snoxhall Play Park
- Snoxhall Pavilion
- Tennis Courts
- Village Hall
- Youth Café
- Youth Centre

Waverley Borough Council**01483 523333**

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Building Control
- 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
- Taxi/Private Hire Licensing

Surrey County Council**08456 009009**

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



* The open public notice boards on the side of the Village Hall and outside the Post Office in Cranleigh are available for local organisations to promote local community events. There is limited room on the notice boards so use them considerately, do not use staples to fix the notices and take down notices when the event is over.

The closed notice board on Fountain Square is also for use to promote community events. Please contact the Parish Council to obtain the key.

Larger text versions are available on request

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

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Website:- www.waverley.gov.uk

Surrey County Council –
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**Surrey Police
Mobile Front
Counter Service**

A Surrey Police Mobile Counter service will be parked in Stocklund Square every Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm.

For more details contact Surrey Police on 101.



Dates for your diary

Members of the Public are welcome to all Parish Council and Committee Meetings which are held in the Council Offices, in Village Way.

Meetings start promptly at 7.00pm, with the first fifteen minutes available for residents or those who work in the Parish to pose questions about the work of the Council to the councillors.

Monday 6 th January 2014	Planning Meeting
Thursday 9 th January 2014	Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 16 th January 2014	Parish Council Meeting
Monday 27 th January 2014	Planning Meeting
Monday 17 th February 2014	Planning Meeting
Thursday 20 th February 2014	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 25 th February 2014	Finance Meeting
Thursday 27 th February 2014	Cemetery Meeting
Thursday 6 th March 2014	Village Hall Meeting
Monday 10 th March 2014	Planning Meeting
Thursday 20 th March 2014	Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Staff

The Parish Council employs 6 full time and 5 part time members of staff to look after its business and buildings.

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Assistant Clerk,
Administration Clerk,
Finance Assistant
Events Co-ordinator

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Vivien Edwards.
Louise Glazier.
Jitendra Chudasama
Gemma Radford

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Youth Café Assistant

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Assistant to the Grounds Manager,
Sexton,
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Nick Barnett.
Andy Burke.
Kevin Cave.
Kane Barnett

Where to find us and our office hours

The Parish Council Offices are situated on **Village Way opposite the Leisure Centre**. We open every weekday between **9.30am to 12.30pm**. If you wish to see a particular member of staff it is advisable to telephone beforehand to make an appointment to avoid disappointment.

Have you visited the Parish Council Website on www.cranleighpc.org yet? You will find a wealth of information from Councillors information, previous newsletters, annual reports, agendas, minutes and lots of other information including links to other websites.

