

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of
CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL held in the Church Hall, Christ Church on Thursday 19th May
2011 at 7.30pm.**

There were approx. 25 parishioners in attendance including eight parish councillors.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting including Roger Cansdale, Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society and thanked the ladies who had prepared refreshments. The Chairman asked Councillors to stand up and introduce themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3&4. Parish Council – Annual Report and update on major projects

A report of the activities of the Parish Council during the last 12 months had been tabled.

The Chairman ran through a series of slides highlighting the main points from the annual report.

Meetings: the Parish Council had held 49 public meetings in the previous year

Meeting	Number
Parish Council	12
Sports and Recreation	6
QEB Committee	3
Planning Committee	22
Policy and Finance	6

Progress: In the year the Parish Council had achieved the following-

- Defined policy & process
- Produced and distributed 2 Newsletters
- Facilitated the placement of additional grit bins in the Parish
- Contributed to the following local activities/ facilities
 - Basingstoke canal
 - Fleet Link
 - The Point
 - Memorial Hall
 - Remembrance Sunday
 - Dog warden
 - New litter bins
 - Public consultations
 - Managed football pitches
 - Maintained land
 - New maintenance contracts
 - 'Parish Plan' Committee
 - Hype Youth Truck

Safety checks
Azalea Gardens questionnaire
Parish website
FACC representation
Engaged with Church Crookham residents, Hart district council and Hampshire County Council

On going Projects: the Parish Council have a number of projects on-going into the next year-

- Protection and renovation of Peter Driver changing rooms
- Speed limit reminders
- Tesco's crossing
- Improving Azalea Gardens
- Skate board provision
- Additional notice boards

Sports and Recreation Committee:

- Cllr Helen Butler – Chairman
- The committee discusses & progresses issues relating to all Parish owned land mainly at Peter Driver and Azalea Park
- Has looked at opportunities for Skate board provision

QEB Committee:

- Cllr John Bennison – Chairman
- Aim to negotiate the best possible community facilities
 - 7.6ha formal open space
 - 17.2ha informal open space
 - Community Centre
 - 80 Allotments

Planning Committee:

- Cllr John Bennison – Chairman
- Consultee in planning process
 - Local knowledge
- Reviewed 63 planning applications
 - 13 objections
- Objected to QEB development
- Examples of positive changes to planning applications

Finance and Policy Committee:

- Cllr Andrea Ong – Chairman
- Budgetary control & setting precept
- Separate presentation
- Setting Council Policy
 - Internal
 - Parish Plan

Thank You: the Chairman thanked for following people for their support throughout the year

- PC Caroline Webster & PCSO Adam Merrick
- District & County Councillors
- Jenni Kenyon & Jan Hyatt
- Clerks, Jayne Hawkins & Claire Bennett
- Parish Councillors

- Members of the public

Request for Help: the Chairman made the following requests for help from the public.

- Vacancies for Councillors
- Let us know your views
- Volunteer to take forward local initiatives
 - Parish council can facilitate

5. Accounts and Budget

A copy of the annual accounts and next year's budget had been tabled.

Councillor Ong ran through the following summary of the annual accounts 2010/2011

Income:	Annual Precept:	£177,761
	Other income:	£38,006
	Total income:	£215,767
Expenditure:	Employment costs:	£21,362
	Administration costs:	£14,069
	Peter Driver premises	£10,691
	Grounds Maintenance	31,520
	Supplies and Services	£1,676
	Community Support	£20,183
	Project costs	£1,328
	Total expenditure	£100,829
Reserves at year end	Planned projects	£77,700
	General reserves	£37,238
	Total Reserves	£114,938

6. Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society

Roger Cansdale from the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society presented a slide show and gave a talk about their valuable work on the much loved local canals.

7. Question and Answer session:

A number of members of the public asked Councillors questions about the Parish Councils work and a number of residents raised issues in their areas of the parish that the Clerk agreed to investigate. A member of the public suggested that the general reserves should be increased over time to provide more cover for unexpected events.

A member of the public asked about the plans for a new five a side at Peter Driver.

8. Close of the meeting: The chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the discussion.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

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