

## CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

# Annual Parish Report 2010/11

### Parish Councillors for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

Nick Harrison	Parish Council Chairman
Helen Butler	Parish Council Vice- Chairman and Chairman of Sports and Recreation Committee
John Bennison	Chairman of Planning Committee and Chairman of QEB Committee
Andrea Ong	Chairman of Finance Committee
Mary Barry	
Pat Lowe	
Bill Shambrook	
Michael Burford	

Jenny Kenyon resigned her position during the year.  
 Jayne Hawkins took over from Jan Hyatt as Clerk in September 2010.  
 Claire Bennett took the post of Temporary Deputy Clerk in February 2011.

### **Meetings**

Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, we held the following public meetings:

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

### **During the year, the Parish Council has....**

- Created and adopted many policy documents – e.g. Financial regulations, Standing orders, Code of conduct for Councillors, Complaints procedure, Health and Safety Policy, Policy on unauthorised encampments
- Created, printed and distributed two Parish Council Newsletters
- Facilitated the placement of additional Grits bins through the Parish
- Become a regular contributor towards the upkeep of the Basingstoke Canal
- Contributed to the Fleet Link bus service



- Contributed towards the Point Youth service
- Contributed towards exterior lighting at the Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane
- Contributed towards a memorial wreath for Remembrance Sunday
- Appointed a dog warden to patrol the Peter Driver playing fields and Azalea Gardens
- Installed new litter bins at Peter Driver playing fields and Azalea Gardens
- Contributed to a large number of public consultations e.g. Public Libraries, Sure Start, Fire Service
- Managed the football pitches at Peter Driver
- Maintained land at Peter Driver, Azalea Gardens, Chesilton Woods and Sian Close
- Negotiated a new maintenance contract for the open spaces in Church Crookham. This is due to start in September and not only saves money it should also provide us with a better service
- Initiated a 'Parish Plan' committee comprised of parishioners and Parish Councillors
- Booked the Hype Youth Truck to attend the Peter Driver Centre during the Summer 2011
- Initiated a monthly safety check of the public areas within Church Crookham
- Consulted the parishioners on their opinions for improving Azalea Gardens Park and the renewal of play equipment
- On going negotiations with the developer at the Peter Driver Centre to secure an all weather five-a-side pitch and car parking
- Organised a public consultation on the planning application for the Queen Elizabeth Barracks site. As a result the Parish Council raised several strong objections to the application
- Held lengthy consultations with the developer and Hart District Council on the proposed planning application at QEB to ensure that if the planning application does get granted the community gets the most out of the development in terms of facilities
- Maintained a Parish website
- Requested and secured a Church Crookham Parish Council representation on the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee.
- Engaged with various Church Crookham based organisations.
- Engaged with various district organisations to share best practice and represent Church Crookham

### **Ongoing and outstanding projects:**

- Protection and renovation of Peter Driver Changing rooms. The roof was replaced following vandalism. The ceilings have been replaced and the changing rooms have been decorated. Anti Vandal paint will be put on the roof and the portacabins are being moved to try and reduce future problems.
- Introduction of Speed limit reminders in the Parish to help address sites where speed is an issue.
- Continue discussions with Hampshire County Council regarding the location of the zebra crossing and the exit from Tesco Express on Reading Road South.

- Consultation on and planning of an improved play ground at Azalea Gardens
- Investigations into a suitable site for a skate board park in the Parish
- Provision of additional parish notice boards.

## **6 Sports and Recreation committee meetings - Chairman Helen Butler**

The Committee discusses issues relating to the play area at Azalea gardens, the grass football pitches at Peter Driver and the hard court football pitch at Peter Driver and the Peter Driver Changing rooms. The Committee has also looked at skate board provision in the Parish. The Committee meets every two months. A working party has also been working with a Mums panel consisting of 25 local Mums who have been researching potential play equipment for Azalea Gardens.

Ongoing projects include:

- Securing the future of Peter Driver as a vibrant facility
- Improving the facilities offered in Azalea Gardens

## **3 QEB committee meetings - Chairman John Bennison**

The QEB Committee was set up to ensure that the Parish negotiates the best possible facilities for the community if the QEB planning application for 872 new houses in the Parish is granted. If the QEB development does proceed then the Parish Council will be responsible for 7.6 hectares of formal open space and 17.18 hectares of informal open space, a community centre, 1 large play area, 4 medium play areas and 20 small play areas. The committee has been meeting once a month since February 2011. Prior to this the Parish Council supported an informal Working Group.

## **22 planning committee meetings - Chairman John Bennison**

63 planning applications were considered during the year and 13 objections were lodged by the Parish Council.

Objections:

- 10/01725/MAJOR Objection to 15 retirement flats on Aldershot Road
- 10/02088/AMCON Objection to removal of planning conditions on a build in Rounton Road
- 10/02234/HOU Objection to single storey extension due to closeness to boundary
- 10/02448/HOU Objection to loft conversion on Tweseldown Road
- 10/02345/MAJOR Objection to erection of 12 dwellings at Elmfields near Redfields
- 10/02689/HOU Objection to rear extension at Rounton Road
- 10/02763/FUL Objection to 1.8m high metal fence at Quetta Park
- 10/02649/HOU Objection to first floor extension in New Road
- 10/02698/HOU Objection to single storey extension in Elizabeth Drive
- 10/02891/FUL Objection to erection of five bedroom house on Copse Road
- 11/00152/FUL Objection to proposed changes to junction at Beacon Hill, Bourley Road and Tweseldown Road.

- 11/00153/FUL Objection to proposed changes to junction at Sandy Lane, Gally Hill Road and Aldershot Road
- 11/00001/MAJ Objection to Queen Elizabeth Barracks planning application. Objected on the grounds of insufficient affordable housing, lack of school on the site and inadequate road mitigation strategy.

## **6 Policies and Finance Committee Meetings Chairman Andrea Ong**

The committees remit includes the consideration of budgetary control and drafting the precept. The precept in 2011/2012 will be £ 173,599 nearly the same as in the previous year 2010/2011 when it was £177,761. The small change was to ensure that the precept for a band D household remained the same at £53.80. It should be noted that in addition to any Council Tax resulting from the Parish precept there will also be Council Tax levied in respect of the Borough and County Councils and the Police and Fire Authorities. A number of projects planned to take place in 2010/2011 were delayed and these will hopefully be completed in 2011/2012 they include more notice boards for the Parish, improvements to the park at Azalea Gardens and the implementation of Speed limit reminders in the Parish.

Expenditure is planned to increase in the next year to utilise under spend in 2010/2011. The budget includes provision for new play equipment at Azalea gardens, improvements to a small grassed area at Sian Close, moving and painting the Portacabins at Peter Driver and a community youth project. The dog warden will continue to be funded and a new Grounds Maintenance company will be starting work on our open spaces from September 2011. The Parish Council will continue to contribute towards the upkeep of the canal, the Point Youth Centre and the Fleet Link bus service.

### **Summary of accounts 2010/2011**

<b>Income:</b>	Annual Precept:	£177,761
	Other income:	£38,006
	<b>Total income:</b>	<b>£215,767</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>	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
	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£100,829</b>
<b>Reserves at year end</b>	Planned projects	£77,700
	General reserves	£37,238
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>£114,938</b>

## Thank You

The Parish Council are most grateful to our local beat officer Caroline Webster and the local PCSO Adam Merrick for their assistance and support. We would also like to thank our District Councillors and County Councillor for their assistance and support in our first year as a Parish Council a role which is new to all of us.

We would also like to thank Jenni Kenyon for her service to the Parish Council and to Jan Hyatt for her excellent work setting up the Parish Councils and being our clerk in the early months of the Parish Council.

In addition we would like to express our gratitude to the Clerk (Jayne Hawkins) and Deputy Clerk (Claire Bennett) for their hard work and proactive support. Most of the progress and achievements of the Church Crookham Parish Council is a direct consequence of the efforts of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

The Parish Council Chairman would also like to record his personal thanks to all of the Councillors. We are a new Council and still learning what is required to be a productive and relevant Parish Council, but the Council has already started to make a positive difference and this is a consequence to all of the efforts and enthusiasm provided by every Parish Councillor.

Most of all thank you to all the members of the public that have responded to our newsletters and who have attended our Council meetings including the public consultation on QEB.

## Request for Help

With the emerging emphasis on localism the Parish Council is in an increasingly significant position to influence our local community. However this potential benefit will only be recognised if the community proactively engages with the Parish Council. Particular areas where the community can make a difference include:

- Becoming a Councillor,
- Letting the Council know your views, and
- Volunterering to take forward local initiatives.