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NEWSLETTER

QEB Development, so far.....

Taylor Wimpey submitted planning application (11/00001/MAJOR) in December 2010 for 872 houses on the old Queen Elizabeth Barracks site (former home of the Gurkha Regiment) in Church Crookham.

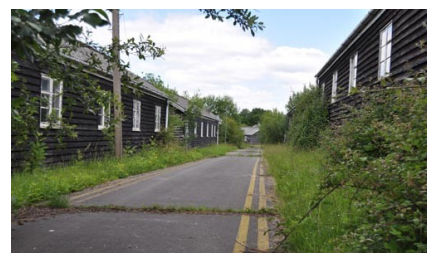
The build program, if approved, is expected to take up to 10 years with phase 1 (316 dwellings) likely to take 3 years to complete. The site will include 70 hectares of open land for public use, local shops, allotments, a community building and formal recreation areas including an athletics track, play areas and multi use games areas.

The Parish Council held a public meeting on the 18th February in the Harlington Centre to gauge public opinion; this was widely advertised and attended by members of the public. By far the biggest concern raised by residents was the impact on the local road network and also the impact on local services such as education, health provision and public transport.

The Parish Council's planning committee considered the applica-

tion on the 28th February and decided unanimously to object to the application on the following grounds: 1)The reduction in affordable housing on the site from 40% to 25%. Church Crookham Parish currently only has 3% of its housing stock classed as affordable housing, this is one of the lowest in district. 2)There not being a school on the QEB site as they believe that this recent change from the original plans will cause overcrowding in local schools and will make the traffic problems in the area worse. 3)The road mitigations strategy is inadequate and will

not address the increased flows of traffic resulting from the new development. The Parish Council are only a consultee on the planning application, the final decision as to whether the Planning Application gets the go ahead will be taken by District Council Planning Committee on 1st June 2011.



Words From Our Chairman

The Church Crookham Parish Council has been here for nearly a year now. It has been a very demanding time, with us having to understand how we can and should operate to help improve Church Crookham. Our biggest current issues include the potential QEB development, making the most of our park at Azalea Gardens, and retaining and improving the facilities at Peter Driver. However, our role in the community is

far broader than these examples, and with the increasing emphasis on localism this role is likely to increase in significance (the Parish Council is likely to provide an increasingly important route for local views to be reflected in District and County Council decisions). For the Parish Council to maximise its impact and take forward the ideas that are important to our community we need your support. Please let us know your views, or tell us if you have ideas or time to help with community projects.

Local Bus Service—have your say

Hampshire County Council are facing significant reductions in the amounts of money they are to receive from Government to support the local bus services. Therefore they are reaching out to the public for their opinions as to where the bus services are most needed. They are looking for the public to let them know not only who uses the busses but for what purpose, social, shopping, leisure or health care activities, is it elderly, teenagers, young mums, disabled or a general mix. They are not looking for specific route suggestions but would appreciate

suggestions as to what the community would miss and what is most useful. A copy of the questionnaire is available on the Church Crookham Parish Council web site: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/bus_subsidy_review_2011_questionnaire_310511_-_public_consultation.pdf

HCC want to take into account local views as to what service is important to them and what alternative transport may be available. HCC surveyors have been studying the routes at all times of the day

but believe that Local answers would assist them in their decisions. Hampshire County Council would like replies in before the 31st May 2011

Annual Parish Meeting

Come and find out more about what the Parish Council has been doing in its first year and its plans for the coming year at the Annual Parish Meeting. To include question and answer session

**Christ Church Hall,
Christ Church, Gally Hill Rd
Church Crookham.
At 7.30pm
on Thursday 19th May 2011
Refreshments from 7.00pm**

Special points of interest:

- QEB Development — Update
- Useful Numbers
- Annual Parish Meeting — 19th May 2011
- Bus Service changes
- Azalea Gardens— Improvements

No Cold Calling Zone

The “no cold calling zone” initiative has been set up to help combat doorstep crime by empowering residents and making them feel safer in their own homes. Whilst they do not ban cold callers they do give residents the confidence to say “No” and have been proven to deter dishonest cold callers. The latest figures show that 72% of residents felt safer living in a no cold calling zone whilst 74% felt more confident with dealing with cold callers. Residents can request that a no cold calling zone is implemented and, after a successful consultation stage, every house will be issued with door stickers, further information and signage to be displayed within the street. If you would like more information then please visit the Hampshire County Council website at www.hants.gov.uk and search for no cold calling zones.

If you would like to discuss this or anything else further please contact your local beat team PCSO 14785 Adam MERRICK or PC 3973 Caroline WEBSTER on 0845 045 45 45.

Useful Numbers

Birth/Death/marriage Reg	0845 6035637
Citizens Advice Bureau	01252 617922
Church Crookham Parish	01252 626793
Fleet Link Bus Service	0845 6024135
Frimley Park Hospital	01276 604604
Hampshire County Council	01962 841841
Hart District Council	01252 622122
Hart Leisure Centre	01252 629974
Hart Shopping Centre	01252 811834
Hart Voluntary Action	01252 815652
Fleet Library	0845 6035631
Local MP—James Arbuthnot	01252 627473
Memorial Hall—bookings	07784830989
Police	0845 454545
The Point Youth Club	01252 812308

Councillor Vacancies

Could you make a difference to Church Crookham? The Parish Council is working hard to make improvements to the local community. There are currently two vacancies for Church Crookham Parish Councillors, one to represent the Gally Hill Ward and one to represent the Queen Elizabeth ward.

To apply please send the clerk a brief précis of your experience, reasons for wanting to be considered and any special areas of interests you may have. You must be at least 18 years of age on the day you put yourself forward, a British citizen, a qualifying citizen of a Commonwealth country, a citizen of the Irish Republic, or a citizen of another member state of the European Union.

If you would like to know more about the role before submitting your details please contact the clerk on 626793 or the Chairman on 680805.

Closing date for applications is 13th May 2011. Applications will be considered by the Parish Council and both vacancies will be filled by co-option.

The mobile Youth Truck - Leroy

Leroy the mobile youth truck will be visiting the Peter Driver site this summer on the following dates: 24th June, 29th July, 26th August and 30th September the bus will be on site from 7.30pm to 10pm and will be staffed by Youth workers (managed and supervised by children’s services). The team also hope to run a fun day on site during the summer holidays on a Saturday afternoon/early evening.



Mobile Library Service

Hampshire County Council recently carried out a review of their mobile library service. The number of mobile library stops will reduce from over 1200 to 365. In Church Crookham the mobile library will stop at Woodlands Day Nursery, The Verne and The Grange Estate. The new service will start on the 4th July and most stops will be for between 30 to 40 minutes once every 4 weeks. The days and times of the stops are still to be agreed but details should be available on the Library services website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/library-about/mobile-libraries-review> by the end of April.

The Diamond Jubilee:

To mark 60 years of the Queen’s reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you have any suggestions for an event or would like to help organise a community event in the Parish.

Child Car Seat Clinic

The Fit it Right events, organised by Hampshire County Council, ensure that people get authoritative advice on the best type of in-car child safety seat for their vehicle and the proper method of installation. Statistics from last year’s Fit it Right campaign revealed, on average, that more than three quarters of children, across Hampshire, are inadvertently

being transported in cars dangerously due to badly fitted car seats.

Hampshire County Council are holding a free child car seat clinic on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at the Sainsbury’s car park, Wallop Drive, Basingstoke between 10am and 4pm. A clinic will also be held in Aldershot at the Tesco Store, Wellington Avenue on Thurs 8 September

Parish Council meetings

Parish Council meetings take place in the Willis Hall on Sandy Lane on the 4th Monday of each month and members of the public are very welcome to attend.

April 26th 2011 (Tuesday due to the Bank Holiday)

May 23rd 2011

June 27th 2011

July 25th 2011

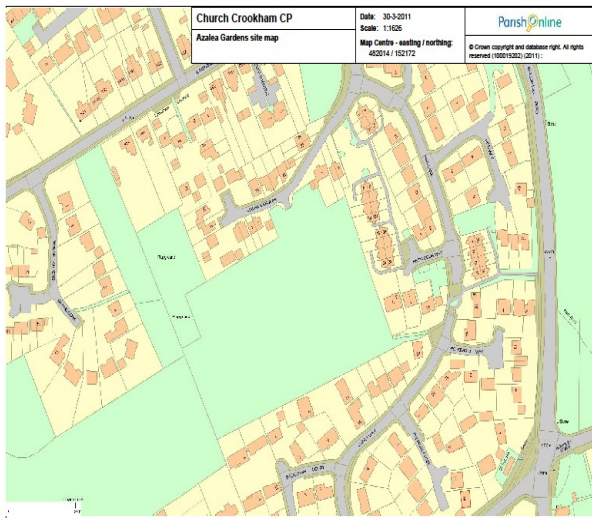
September 26th 2011

October 24th 2011

November 28th 2011

December 19th 2011 (3rd Monday due to Xmas)

Azalea Gardens—The Future



The Azalea Gardens park is a beautiful but hidden resource in the heart of Church Crookham. It currently consists of a large playing field and an old, tired play area. The Church Crookham Parish Council is keen to make more of this resource for the benefit of the residents of Church Crookham, but in doing this is keen to make sure it follows the needs and views of Church Crookham as a whole.

Please make the most of this opportunity to let the Parish Council know your views over the future of Azalea Gardens by completing the questionnaire overleaf. It is important that the Parish Council does what the residents of Church Crookham want. Responses are requested by 30 June 2011.

Calling all children....!

The Parish Council are planning to improve play area at Azalea Gardens. We would like your help to choose which pieces of equipment to buy. There will be a big climbing frame, some swings, and the little springers. But what should we add?

Please have a look at these three pieces of equipment, and let us know which is your favourite. Please email the Clerk to tell her which one you'd give 5 points to, and which you'd give 3 points to and include your age. (clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk) Closing date: 31st May. Thanks for your help!



Option A:



Option B:



Option C:



Dog Fouling

Many People enjoy walking or playing football at the Peter Driver site or at the park at Azalea Gardens, this experience can be marred by dog fouling. If you are a dog owner please ensure that you pick up any dog mess and either take it home or dispose of it in one of the many bins. Bagged mess can be disposed of in normal bins, not just the dog fouling bins.

The green areas in the Parish are for the benefit of everyone including four legged companions. With a little forethought and planning everyone can continue to enjoy our open spaces. The Parish Council has employed a dog warden – Lynn Byfield to patrol both Peter Driver and Azalea Gardens. Remember it is an offence if you do not pick up after your dogs and you could be fined up to £1000.

Street Party information

Thinking of celebrating the Royal Wedding (one of them!) or even thinking ahead for the Jubilee? Street Parties are one way. A guide to how to organise and plan such a party and information on procedures and insurance can be found at :

<http://www.streetparty.org.uk/>



LOCAL AREA WORD SEARCH

Contact Details

Church Crookham Parish Council

The Harlington Centre
236 Fleet Road
Fleet
Hampshire. GU51 4BY
Phone: 01252 626793

E-mail: clerk@churchcrookham.org

Serving Our Community

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Church Crookham, Gally Hill, Peter Driver, Verne, Wyvern, Sandy Lane, Azalea Gardens, Haig, Aldershot Road, Rounton, Vivian, Florence, QEB, Bowenhurst

[http://communities.hants.gov.uk/
churchcrookham-index.htm](http://communities.hants.gov.uk/churchcrookham-index.htm)

Azalea Gardens Questionnaire

		Yes	No
Would you like the Parish Council to invest in improving and expanding the play equipment?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like the play area be moved to another more open part of the park ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like a small car park (maximum of 10 places and grasscrete surface) to reduce the need for road parking?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like a full football pitch?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like goal posts and/or basketball nets (one end only) to encourage ball games?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like a small Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) be built on the park?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like a skate board or BMX facility be provided on the park?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like to see the park used for community events (fetes or concerts)?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please tick any of the following features to show your interest in including them within the park.	Outdoor (concrete) table tennis tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More seating/ picnic furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tennis court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Flower garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Youth shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More rubbish bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Footpaths around the edge of the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A bandstand		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your post code			
<p>Comments Please provide below any additional comments or ideas on how we should make the most of the park at Azalea Gardens.</p> <p>Please also provide your contact details if you would be interesting in joining a 'Friends' of Azalea Gardens Park group</p>		<p>An electronic copy of this form may be found at:http://communities.hants.gov.uk/churchcrookham-index.htm Alternatively the paper form may be sent (or delivered) to:</p> <p>Parish Clerk Church Crookham Parish Council c/o The Harlington 236 Fleet Road Fleet Hampshire, GU51 4BY</p>	