



**Words from our Chairman**

Firstly I would like to extend a welcome to all our new residents at Crookham Park.

On a recent walk across Church Crookham I decided to take a detour along the newly refurbished path at Wynne Gardens and across Azalea Park where it was nice to see numerous young families making the most of the new play equipment. 2013 continues to be a busy time for the Council, but it is rewarding to see some of our aspirations turning into reality.

2012 saw a lot of activity from our new community groups. The Friends of Azalea Park organised a fantastic opening fete where Church Crookham residents enjoyed the sun and fun. The Community Plan Group has also been very busy designing, publishing, distributing and collecting a questionnaire. The outstanding response is a great achievement and once the analysis has been done it will provide the Parish Council with a real appreciation and an evidence base of what our community wants.

As many of you will be aware there has been an appeal against Hart District Council's decision to prevent 100 extra houses being built on Crookham Park. The Parish Council objected to the original application for these houses. A fundamental part of the original development and its approval was the inclusion of employment land. The additional 100 houses would replace this employment land with houses and would provide a fundamental change to the balance and sustainability of the development.

The government is making changes to the way in which developers make financial contributions to the infrastructure of the areas local to their new developments, known as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Parish Council needs to respond to these changes and try to ensure that CIL contributions provided for developments in Church Crookham are re-invested in the interests of Church Crookham.

A Parish Council's strength is that it can facilitate community initiatives or provide a community voice in District and County decisions. If you do have a desire to get involved or just want to express your view, please let us know. *Nick Harris*

**Peter Driver Sports Ground**

The new 3G five-a-side pitch is proving popular with many local football teams and youngsters. Young people may use the pitch without charge when it is not booked by the organised teams for their exclusive use. We would appeal to the young people using this free facility to remove their rubbish and leave promptly when the paying teams arrive.

The Parish Council are aware of issues entering and exiting the car park when the facility is used by a number of clubs. Space is limited and the Parish Council are investigating the possibility of an additional exit onto Bourley Road. It would be helpful if everyone using the ground could arrange to share lifts or walk to the site.

Residents may have noticed the fencing around the development site next to the sports ground. The site, owned by Gracewell Healthcare, has planning permission for a care home which will provide 60 individual care bedrooms. Construction is due to begin during May 2013 with a planned completion date of Spring 2014.



**Community Plan prize draw winners:**  
For details of the prize draw please see the home page of the parish council website  
[www.churchcrookham.org.uk](http://www.churchcrookham.org.uk)

**A month in the life of Councillor Grant**

Since I became a Councillor I have realised that the Council well and truly makes a difference to our environment. As the saying goes "we do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children". The things we decide on, create or build as Councils should benefit our communities. Peter Driver Sports Ground is a wonderful facility, our website gives more details and Azalea Park is an incredible play area in constant use. I have joined the QEB Transport Contributions Steering Group to help decide the best use of the funding provided to mitigate the impact of additional traffic resulting from Crookham Park on local highways. It is imperative we can all travel safely and easily along our roads. As a disabled person, I can represent an alternative, valuable view, so being part of this steering group made sense. The meetings have even more rules than our Parish Council's - involving a control panel, microphone and lights indicating when to speak and when to be silent. It's quite hard as I want to debate but if you're not quick enough with your control panel you lose your chance! Still, all items are discussed, experts are listened to and surveys studied. It's fascinating to see how roundabouts, their size, position and use for future infrastructure, traffic lights, timings, braking distance and speed tables, to name but a few options, are discussed and decided upon. All for our benefit. *Kate Grant*

## Dates for your Diary

11th Feb - Planning Committee; Sports & Recreation Committee

25th Feb - Planning Committee; Full Council

27th Feb—Community Plan meeting

11th Mar - Planning Committee; Sports & Recreation Committee

25th Mar - Planning Committee; Full Council

27th Mar—Community Plan meeting

8th Apr - Planning Committee; Sports and Recreation Committee

15th Apr - Finance and Policy Committee

22nd Apr - Planning Committee; Full Council

24th Apr - Community Plan meeting

13th May- Planning Committee; Sports and Recreation Committee

20th May - Planning Committee; Full Council (AGM)

22nd May - Community Plan meeting

23rd May - Annual Parish Meeting,  
War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane

**Unless stated otherwise meetings will start at 7.30pm in the Willis Hall, Sandy Lane**

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## Crookham Park development update

As most residents will be aware of the Crookham Park development off Sandy Lane and Naishes Lane, we thought you may appreciate an update on how work is progressing.

Planning permission for 872 houses at Crookham Park was granted in November 2011, work has started on the first two phases, with the first residents moving in during September 2012. In time the development will benefit from a new community centre, allotments, a number of children's play areas, multi-use games areas, an athletics track and a local centre containing shop units. The Parish Council will be responsible for managing the majority of these facilities with the exception of the local centre.

Taylor Wimpey recently applied for planning permission to change an area previously approved for business units to an additional 100 residential units. The Parish and District Council objected to this application and it has now been taken to appeal. The appeal was due to take place in January 2013 but this has been postponed by the appeal inspector due to some technical issues.

### Church Crookham Action Day, Saturday 22nd June

Make a date to come along and join in the fun at the Church Crookham Action Day on Saturday 22nd June. The Fleet and Church Crookham Society is organising a day of activities to smarten up Church Crookham such as washing public play equipment, tidying up woodland areas and putting up nesting boxes and smartening up parks and other public areas. All ages are welcome (children should be supervised by an adult). Equipment and full instructions will be provided on the day. If you would like to know more phone Gillian on 01252 677536 or email [gillian.wain@fccs.org.uk](mailto:gillian.wain@fccs.org.uk)

## SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space) Land

The SANGS Project is the name given to the work, currently in progress, to bring a large area of former MoD land at Crookham Park, back into recreational use for the local community of Church Crookham and surrounding area.

The site covers over 400 acres and most areas will be opened up to the public. Work has started on installing fences and gates across all areas with a view to completion by the end of April 2013. There is a vast network of pathways in and around the SANGS project area and clearing and defining these will continue into the spring.

A number of ponds will be created starting in March /April 2013 as part of the land drainage scheme, these will also form a vital habitat for amphibians and insects.

A new 2km bridle path has been marked and cleared and the fenced chicane has now been installed.

The Sandy Lane to Naishes Lane footpath between the school and the residential area will be fenced at either end. The path will be suitable for those on foot, with buggies and also for hand or electric wheelchair users. A kissing gate will be installed at each end of the path for general and wheelchair access. The pathway is not suitable for mobility scooters.

In order for the community to be able to enjoy walking around the wetland area the contractor has engineered a drainage system

which includes a large bund and a series of culverts to drain and manage the water.

The contractor respectfully asks that whilst the work continues in this area, residents keep to the marked pathways. Please refer to the SANGS website for further details [www.thesangsproject.co.uk](http://www.thesangsproject.co.uk).

Eventually there will be a new car park for access to the SANG land and the new allotments at Crookham Park.



# Church Crookham Parish Council

A parish council forms the third tier of local government. Councillors are elected every four years, Church Crookham was last elected in 2010 and each year a chairman is chosen from amongst their number. Church Crookham Parish Council has 10 councillors, all of which are unpaid volunteers and employs a part time Parish Clerk and a part time deputy Parish Clerk. A parish council has a number of formal powers including the provision of allotments, maintenance and management of open spaces and parks and also has the right to be notified of any planning application affecting the parish and to make comments which the planning authority must take into account.

Church Crookham Parish Council has responsibility for the following:

- Peter Driver Sports Ground including the pavilion, grass pitches and five-a-side pitch
- Azalea Park including the playground
- Chesilton Crescent Woods
- Notice boards at The Verne & the Memorial Hall
- War Memorial Gally Hill Road
- Holds an Annual Parish meeting that all residents are invited to
- Holds monthly Parish Council meetings and twice monthly Planning meetings all of which are open to the public
- Has a representative on the following committees: Memorial Trust Committee, the Alms House Committee, the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee, the Fleet Link Committee, and the QEB transport committee.
- Awards community grants to local causes and projects
- Keeps residents informed on local issues via newsletters and the Parish website
- Represents the Parish's views on public consultations
- Providing a speed limit reminder that is moved around the Parish
- Negotiating with developers to secure S106 funding for the Parish

**Church Crookham Parish Council**

**01252 626793**

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## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

### HART DISTRICT COUNCIL

Service	Contact Details
Anti-Social behaviour	01252 774256
Council tax	01252 774444
Community safety	<a href="http://www.saferhart.co.uk">www.saferhart.co.uk</a>
Countryside services	01252 623443
Dog warden	01252 774421
Electoral registration	01252 774077
Environmental health	01252 774421
Gypsies & travellers	01252 774420
Frogmore Leisure centre	01252 873454
Hart Leisure centre	01252 629974
Licensing	01252 774496
Parking service	01252 625990
Planning	01252 774419
Recycling / Refuse / Waste	01252 622122

### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Service	Contact Details
Adult Services	0845 603 5630
Blue Badge Disabled Parking Permits	0845 603 5633
Births, death, citizenship, marriages & civil partnerships	0845 603 5637
Children's services	0845 603 5620
Countryside	0845 603 5636
Hampshire Archives and Local Studies	01962 846154
Jobs with Hampshire CC	0845 850 0184
Libraries	0845 603 5631
Occupational Therapy Direct	0845 600 4555
Planning	0845 603 5634
Recycling and waste	0845 603 5634
Roads and transport	0845 603 5633
Trading Standards	01962 833620
Young People's Services	0845 603 5621



## Church Crookham Parish Council Councillor Vacancy

### Contact Details

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Fleet  
GU51 4BY  
Phone: 01252 626793

Email: [clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk](mailto:clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk)  
[www.churchcrookham.org.uk](http://www.churchcrookham.org.uk)

### Community Centre update

Plans for the new community centre at Crookham Park are on going. The Parish Council will provide an update in the next edition of the newsletter.

**Mobile library timetables** are now available at [www.hants.gov.uk/library.stop](http://www.hants.gov.uk/library.stop)

### Community transport

Hampshire County Council in partnership with the Hampshire Volunteer Centre Network, the CVS network and the Good Neighbours Support Service have organised a campaign to recruit minibus and car drivers. Volunteers can give as little or as much time as they would like. Anyone interested in finding out about becoming a volunteer driver can read more details online at [www.hants.gov.uk/volunteerdrivers](http://www.hants.gov.uk/volunteerdrivers).

The Parish Council is working hard to make improvements to the local community. Currently there is a vacancy for a Church Crookham Parish Councillor to represent the Gally Hill 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.

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

Contact: Mrs Jayne Hawkins, Parish Clerk, Church Crookham Parish Council, The Harlington, 236 Fleet Road, Fleet. GU51 4BY  
Tel: 01252 626793  
email [clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk](mailto:clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications is 15th March 2013**

**Applications will be considered by the Parish Council and the vacancy will be filled by co-option**

- ◆ Are you interested in the community?
- ◆ Do you have some spare time?
- ◆ Would you like to be part of a team looking to bring about improvements to the Parish

## Community Plan update

The Church Crookham Community Plan group would like to thank all those residents who took the time to complete the questionnaire distributed to all households in October and also all the volunteers who called at every residence to collect the completed forms. The group were very encouraged by the response rate of approximately 25% and currently volunteers are preparing for the task of analysing the data. It is already clear that feelings run high when considering certain topics such as development and local highways, there were plenty of positive responses to what use should be made of the new community centre at Crookham Park, what facilities should be available for the youth of the area and what changes need to be made to improve the community. The Community Plan group now face the very interesting task of compiling an action plan, which is due for publication towards the end of this year, and would welcome any new volunteers to the group. Further details of meetings are available on the Parish Council website.

## Community Safety in Church Crookham

**Safer Neighbourhood Team:** PSO 14785 Adam Merrick works alongside the community and local councils to help improve community issues and deal with anti-social behaviour. Adam is based out of Fleet police station and regularly patrols the area on foot or bicycle. Crime is relatively low and residents being vigilant will help to keep it that way. Please ensure your house and outbuildings are secure at all times, that your car is locked and use timer switches on your lights when away from home. Adam may be contacted on 101 or follow on Twitter @FleetPolice.

**Community Safety:** Church Crookham's Community Safety office is Lee Thubron. Lee's duties include patrolling this area including any "hotspots" of anti-social behaviour, helping to set up "No cold calling" zones and is available to supply community re-assurance following incidents of anti-social behaviour. Hampshire County Councils Accredited Community Safety Officers, such as Lee have strong links with the local schools and are responsible for running the Junior Community Teams, which introduces children to the idea of good citizenship by teaching them how to be responsible towards their local environment and the community. Contact Lee via email: [community.safety@hants.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@hants.gov.uk).

### LOCAL BEAT SURGERIES

10TH FEB 18:00 - 19:00	ZEBON COPSE COMMUNITY CENTRE
9TH MAR 18:00 -19:00	RIDGEWAY PARADE
7TH APR 18:00 -19:00	FRENCHMAN'S CREEK, ZEBON COPSE
2ND MAY 14:30 - 15:30	SANDY LANE / OAKWOOD
30TH MAY 18:00 - 19:00	QUETTA PARK
19TH JUN 19:00 -20:00	ZEBON COPSE COMMUNITY CENTRE