

NEWS

from Broadbridge Heath Parish Council



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QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE TREES FOR CHARRINGTON WAY

Last year the Parish Council invited Julie Bolton, the Trees and Woodland Officer from WSCC to look around our open spaces. Julie was delighted that the Parish Council had some excellent open spaces and immediately suggested that the green space in Charrington Way would benefit from having some more trees planted to provide shade for the play area and to screen the bypass. That together with the Woodland Trust encouraging the planting of trees for the Queens Diamond Jubilee led the Parish Council to ask one of our newly appointed tree wardens, Jess Woodall, to explore options further. Thanks to Jess's application to WSCC we have been given a grant to plant 11 trees which will be two Quercus Robur, two Tilia Cordata, two Field Maple and two Hornbeam to screen the bypass and a further three Field Maple to provide shade for the play area. All trees will be planted well away from

the properties that border the green space. The blue dots indicate approximate location.

We are very much hoping that the Queens Jubilee trees will be planted during March and that residents in the

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The last few months have been extremely busy for the Parish Council. Not only did we have the surprise announcement about the closure of the Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre (see page 3), but we also received a detailed planning application for the first 105 dwellings on the new development south of BBH together with a more detailed application for the first phase of infrastructure which has particular relevance to the road network. Members of the Parish Council have continued to meet with Horsham District Council (HDC) to discuss all these issues and secure the best outcome for the village and its residents. Residents can review the applications on the HDC website using the planning application search for applications DC/11/2059 (the infrastructure) and 2074 (the dwellings). Some of you may have noticed that trees and hedges have been cut back along

the perimeter of the field abutting the southern edge of the existing bypass. This is in preparation for installation of the access road which will be used by traffic involved in construction of the new development. We understand that the building of the first houses will commence later this year; but we will keep you updated in future editions of the magazine.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee is fast approaching and in order to commemorate this, the Parish Council will be planting 11 trees in the Charrington Way green space. Our thanks go to Jess Woodall, one of our new tree wardens for facilitating this and also to West Sussex County Council for providing a grant towards the cost. Planting is likely to take place in March (see front page).

I am sure you are aware of the possible cuts in some community services currently provided by local authorities. The Parish Council is particularly

concerned about the cutback in youth services and we are continuing to talk to various stakeholders to try to ensure that there is minimum impact for youngsters in our village. If there are potential cuts in any other services that may impact on our residents, and you think we may be able to help, please do contact the Parish Council. On a positive note, I am pleased to say that despite these difficult economic times, the Parish Council at their meeting in December 2011 agreed to the precept for 2012/13 remaining at £48,280 that is exactly the same as last year. Whilst no increase in the total amount has been sought from the Parish Council, some households may see a very small increase or decrease on their community tax bill compared to last year as a result of the way HDC apportion the precept request amongst residents. This should still equate to around £41 (less than a £1 per week) per property at band D equivalent for the year.

Viv Edwards, Chairman

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UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S BROADBRIDGE HEATH LEISURE CENTRE

The recent debate about what should happen with the Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre cannot have escaped your notice. As a result of the Horsham District Council (HDC) meeting on 21st December 2011, HDC members decided to exclude Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre (BBHLC) from the renewal of the Leisure Management contract – the current contract expires in December 2012.

At that same HDC meeting, it was decided to allow more time for consultation with the current leaseholders, core users and other stakeholders. A detailed business case will be prepared for HDC by an external consultant and then be subject to public consultation with the groups mentioned. The aim is to finish the consultation by June 2012.

There are a variety of possibilities of what could happen to the BBHLC and how future provision is made for the users of the Leisure Centre. Representatives from Broadbridge Heath Parish Council meet regularly with HDC officers and members, to ensure they keep abreast of the situation and to put forward the needs of the parish.

The Parish Council (PC) released the following press statement further to the open public meeting hosted by the PC on 12th December 2011.

“Broadbridge Heath Parish Council is opposed to the closure of the Leisure Centre until public information is made available regarding the guaranteed provision of equivalent or better local facilities for all residents of Broadbridge Heath.”



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HOW THE COUNCIL OBTAINS AND USES COMMUNITY FUNDING – TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECTS

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SENIOR PERSON'S COUNCIL – PRIDE OF PLACE

The Senior Person's Council is involved in many consultations and campaigns, not all of which are simple to understand or implement! However, a recent campaign by Age UK seems to be both simple to understand and simple to implement – Pride of Place. The campaign recognises that older people need good neighbourhoods to allow them to stay active as they get older. The practical things that can make the difference between being stuck at home and being able to get out and about in the local area include: Transport systems to help us get around; pavements which don't trip us up; streets where we feel safe; places to rest where we want them; clean toilets open when we need them; access to shops, a post office or a bank when we need it.

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The overflow and the outflow on the other side of the road were both cleared and paths trimmed back. On the bank nearest the play area, little shoots of alder appearing round the mature trees were cut off as well as some of the smaller trees and brambles. The trees overhanging the water had to be left uncut on this occasion due to shortage of time but hopefully this will be done in the autumn.

The Parish Council's thanks go to Horsham Green Gym for the great work carried out. In April they will be tackling the ditch behind the Village Centre.



The Senior Person's Council has agreed that this campaign is worthwhile and fully supports it. We want to ensure local older people are aware of this campaign and encourage them to speak up about the things that would improve their neighbourhood. You can do this by getting in touch with your local Parish Council, contacting your local District Councillor or letting the Senior Persons' Council know.

For more information about Pride of Place, please visit <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/better-neighbourhoods-pride-of-place>

Future Senior Person's Council meetings are:
Wednesday 18th April 2012 at Andrew Hall, Shipley
Monday 18th June 2012 at Mannings Heath Village Hall
Wednesday 26th September 2012 at West Chiltington Village Hall
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PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

English Counties are divided into areas known as parishes. "Parish" suggests a formal link with the church but this is not the case. In most areas, parishes are served by Parish and Town Councils. These are collectively known as Local Councils, and are elected units of local government whose activities are controlled by Acts of Parliament. Local Councils are the first and closest tier of local government to the people. Broadbridge Heath Parish Council is responsible for local matters and community needs including:

- Recreation Grounds and Public Open Spaces, Seating, Shelters and Rights of Way

- Community Safety, Environmental Cleansing, Litter and Dog Bins
- Reviewing planning applications and providing comment to HDC

In addition to the Parish Council meeting as a collective body, there are Committees that meet separately for Finance and Establishment, the Local Development, Recreation, Planning and Community Liaison. The Planning Committee conducts almost all of its business electronically as Horsham District Council issues items for our consideration this way.

So what do councillors do?

Councillors contribute to the work of the

Council by:

- having a say about the things in the community that they care about and putting forward ideas for better services
- responding to the needs and views of residents and seeking the best outcome to local issues
- acting within the law and getting involved in decision making by voting.

Not quite what you thought! Could you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? If so, please contact the Clerk (see Contact the Parish Council) or come along to one of our forthcoming meetings.

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Mary Burroughs, Clerk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and the press (who have a right to attend) and are preceded by a session for public comments. Council meetings take place in the St. John's Community Centre. Planning Meetings are subject to cancellation if there are no plans to discuss. Visit our website at www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk for agendas and minutes of previous meetings or view the notice boards at the One Stop shop, Billingshurst Road or The Village Centre, Wickhurst Lane. Forthcoming Parish Council meetings are on 2nd April, 16th April (Annual Parish) and 8th May (Annual Meeting) 2012 starting from 7:30pm.

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