

# News

from Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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## Annual Parish Meeting – Chairman's Report

Please take a few moments to read an extract from the Chairman's Report for 2012-13 which is inside this newsletter. The full report is on our website at [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

## Queen's Diamond Jubilee Trees and Seat for Charrington Way

The Jubilee trees were planted last March and are now thriving. To accompany the trees there is a commemorative stone and seat. Have a wander that way and check out the fitness equipment in the green space too.

## 20 is Plenty

The Parish Council is currently looking at traffic management measures for the village. One suggestion being considered is that 20 mph would become the speed limit for all residential roads in the village. The 20 is Plenty Scheme, whilst hopefully slowing traffic down, is aimed at improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists, reducing traffic noise and air pollution and making junctions safer for all users. The Parish Council would welcome comments from residents on the introduction of such a scheme for the village.



## How the Council Obtains and Uses Community Funding – Tell Us About Your Projects

Broadbridge Heath has been able to benefit from funding obtained when developers built in the local area using 'S106 agreements'. Previously, 'Section 106' money could be allocated for general improvements of community facilities with local organisations bidding for funding. The system for obtaining funding for improvements is set to change. The new process, in line with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), requires that S106 agreements are specific about where negotiated contributions will be spent. Instead of inviting bids, the Parish Council will maintain a list of known community projects and ensure that this is used in future negotiations with developers. So please keep the Clerk informed of the progress of your community project, or of potential new projects, by emailing [clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk). Don't forget that the Parish Council also has a small fund for helping local organisations, details of our grant policy and an application form can be found on our website [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)



## Welcome Pack for New Residents

The Parish Council is working on a "Village Welcome Pack" for new residents together with the developers.

The pack aims to inform newcomers to Broadbridge Heath about the village and its facilities. We would like to include contact details for local clubs and organisations (e.g. Scouts/Guides, sports clubs, church, Village Centre, playgroups etc.). If you have not already done so and would like to be included, please contact Cllr. Terry Oliver on 01403 251621

## Your Village Needs You

**Do you have an interest in your community? Do you care about the new development of 1,000 new homes in our village, traffic management and the state of our roads, drainage, footpaths, grounds maintenance, youth provision, play areas and sports facilities, future development within the village, our community assets, the environment and current planning issues and the ever increasing budget cuts being imposed upon us by County and District Councils, as well as how the council spends the precept on your behalf on village related matters?**

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes" or there are others where you think that you could make a difference to your village then please consider becoming a local Councillor. The Localism Act, changes to planning legislation are all impacting upon our village and as such the village needs the support of local people, like yourself to join as Councillor and represent the interests of the community.

Often people feel very strongly about what's going on around them but are not sure how to make a difference. You can make a difference by becoming a local Councillor. Contact the Clerk (01403 785864) or the Chairman (01403 240414) or email the Clerk on [clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk) and we will be happy to provide you with more information, or come along to one of our Parish Council Meetings.

## New Play Equipment in the Village

Unfortunately we had to take away our cat and dog springers from the Common as the springs beneath the surface had rusted away. We are pleased to announce that these have been replaced with a car and boing springer.

The Parish Council has a reserve from precept to replace and upgrade our play equipment and is currently looking at adding a few more pieces to the Charrington Way Green Space. If the young people in your family have a favourite piece of play equipment that they would like to see in this area then we would love to hear from you.

## Assets of Community Value

The Localism Act 2011 allows eligible community groups the right to prepare and bid to buy community buildings and facilities that are important to them. An Asset of Community Value must meet certain legal criteria regarding its community value and applications are determined by Horsham District Council. If an application is successful, then in future, if a registered community asset is made available for sale, the Parish Council will be notified and are given a period of time upon which to express an interest that it may wish to submit a bid for the asset. There is a six month window to make a bid to purchase the asset.

A good example of where this has happened is the Ivy House pub in Nunhead, South East London which has become the first Community Right to Bid Pub. The regulars listed their pub as an asset of community value and on hearing that the pub was going to be sold rallied round and using the 'Community Right to Bid' called time on the sale and raised the money needed to buy the pub.

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council has agreed to nominate the One Stop shop, the Scout Hall and the Village Centre as Assets of Community Value and will be submitting applications to HDC during the summer.



## Work Continues at The Ducky

In March, members of Horsham Green Gym worked at the Ducky on the Common to clear out the debris from the pond. The Parish Council's thanks go once again to Horsham Green Gym for the great work that they carry out. We are currently working with them on other projects for later in the year, e.g. overgrown hedges in no man's land. Visit [www.horshamgreengym.org.uk](http://www.horshamgreengym.org.uk) to see the work that they do and if you know of a project in the village that they may be able to tackle, let the Clerk know.



## Funfair on the Common and Gala Fireworks

The Parish Council has once again decided to allow Showtime Amusements to hold the funfair on the Common this year as it continues to be very popular with families in the village. The fair will be here on the weekend of Friday 20th through to Sunday 22nd September 2013. The Gala Association also has been given permission to use the playing field behind the Village Centre for fireworks on Saturday 2nd November 2013.

## Broadbridge Heath Village Centre Social Club

New members are always welcome. Opening hours: Mon to Thurs 3.00 to 11.00pm, Fri 2.00pm to Midnight, Sat 12.00 to Midnight & Sun 12.00 to 10.30pm. See the clubs website for what's going on: [www.bbhvc.co.uk](http://www.bbhvc.co.uk) or call 01403 217177.

## Extract from Chairman's Report 2012-13

This last year has seen progress on the new development, known as Wickhurst Green, with the building of the first section of the new east-west link road and the first houses nearing completion, ready for occupancy in the next few months. The Parish Council (PC) has continued to be involved in plans for both the dwellings and infrastructure and recently some members were given a conducted tour of the site to see how the area is progressing.

We were particularly pleased when Countryside adopted the idea, put forward by one of our Councillors, to call the streets in the development after those names that appear on the war memorial in the village. We see this as a positive way of helping to integrate the old and new village and have already had encouraging feedback from members of one of the families involved. One of the main streets will feature the name Churchill (there are three members of the family listed on the memorial) and others will include Langridge Lane, Palmer Avenue and Farley Close.



Discussions about traffic calming are ongoing with the relevant authorities. The primary aim will be to prevent traffic using Billingshurst and Old Guildford Roads as a short cut when the new bypass is open, but we are also keen to try and introduce measures to slow down the cars and motor bikes that currently speed through the village.

As we are all aware, cuts in the provision of local services are widespread and the PC is keen to offer help where it can. I would like to remind organisations that we do have a small amount of money to award grants to worthy causes. Beneficiaries last year included BBH Junior Football Club, BBH Cricket Club, the Village Centre and the local Memory Club. Youth provision is one area where there have been dramatic cuts, leaving BBH and surrounding villages with little, or no, facilities or support for young people. Consequently, BBH PC has formed a partnership with Slinfold and Warnham Parish Councils to employ a shared

community youth worker to provide services and support for our young people as required. They will be looking to build relationships with local schools and clubs, as well as seeking volunteers to help them run some of the activities.

Our County Councillor, David Sheldon, acts as a liaison between the PC and WSCC and I would like to thank him for the support and knowledgeable advice he provides. Recently he has been involved in trying to sort out issues with parking in Sleets Road and St. Johns Crescent and the provision of yellow lines around some of the more dangerous junctions in the village.

We also have close ties with Sussex Police and our local PCSO Laura Anderson provides us with monthly updates as to what is happening in the village. I am pleased to say that, on the whole, there is very little to report although speeding and inconsiderate car parking continue to be a worry for many residents.

This time last year the future of the Leisure Centre was still in doubt and had been the subject of much heated debate. At a meeting in June, Horsham District Council agreed to provide a new £7.3m district leisure facility to be located to the south of the existing building, and also gave a commitment to provide an outdoor athletics track. A BBH Leisure Centre Advisory Group has been formed and the village is represented on this by members of the PC although, to date, there is little to report.

A brief summary of the work undertaken in the last year by the Planning and the Finance and Establishment Committee follows:

**Finance** – Following three years without an increase, the Parish Council has decided to raise the precept collected through council tax for 2013/14 by 2% to £49,245, an increase of about 85p per year for an average Band D property.

**Planning** – The level of work for the planning committee is unprecedented in the history of the Parish Council as we prepare for an almost doubling in size of the village over the next few years, with an expected eventual required review of plans covering over 1,000 houses, plus other proposed buildings. Aside from the major development mentioned above, the Planning Committee has dealt with the normal array of smaller proposals, mainly extensions on domestic properties along with some individual developments.

## Cricket

The village cricket club has been running since 1898. It runs two adult league teams on a Saturday, a social team on Sundays, an 8-man team in the developing Last Man Standing League (coloured shirts and pads), excellent practise facilities and a developing Junior Section, working closely with Shelley Primary School. Both adult league sides were successful in gaining promotion last season, the 1st XI going through the whole season unbeaten and they are now in Division 2 of the West Sussex Invitation Cricket League, a feeder direct into the Sussex League. Season's details at: <http://broadbridgeheath.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

Recently, the Club were awarded a grant from Sport England that allowed them to refurbish much of the pavilion and it has further development work planned. Those facilities are enjoyed by all three sports clubs on the 'Top Common' – cricket, tennis and stoolball. The club also organises many social events during the summer, some of which include the village tennis, stoolball and football clubs.

If you would like to know more, come along to the ground any Saturday afternoon in the summer, see the action and meet the team captain. Alternatively, call our chairman, Tim Wells on 07740101983 or e-mail him at: [timbo66@btinternet.com](mailto:timbo66@btinternet.com)

## Stoolball

Broadbridge Heath Stoolball Club was re-formed in 2012, playing in The Chanctonbury League. We are always looking for new players and our aim this year is also to start up a mixed team with the juniors to follow next year. Interested in joining or would like further information? contact Sally Booker at [Sallybooker1@btinternet.com](mailto:Sallybooker1@btinternet.com)

## Broadbridge Heath Football Club

BBHFC had an excellent season following promotion to the Sussex County League Div 2, the first team finished in 6th position and reached the final of the SCFA RUR Charity Cup when they lost 1-0 to Div 1 high-flyers East Preston.

Heath Reserves were in with a chance of promotion until their final league match of the season, eventually finishing in 5th. The U18 team, which were last season's U16s, finished the season in 10th with three wins and three draws from their 20 games. The U14s won the Horsham & District League 'A' Division in their final game of the season and the U12s were champions of their Division.

## Sussex Police – PCSO's

The Parish Council's thanks go to PCSO Laura Anderson for the work she has done in the village during her short spell as our PCSO. Laura has been assigned to Horsham centre. We are pleased to welcome PCSO Tracy Field. Tracy can be contacted by email [tracy.field@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tracy.field@sussex.pnn.police.uk) or mobile 07766 997894

## Scouts Need Volunteers

There are always openings for helpers to volunteer to help with Scout groups, packs and troops (ages 6 to 14). Please contact Paula Flack, Group Scout Leader, 1st Broadbridge Heath Scout Group on 01403 256179 or email [bbhscouts@buzzer.info](mailto:bbhscouts@buzzer.info)

## Community Meals on Wheels available across West Sussex



Enjoy a range of nutritious hot meals, desserts and salads with West Sussex County Council's Meals on Wheels. New customers can sample some of the dinners on offer by ordering a five-day Taster Pack for £15.

All meals are designed to meet nutritional standards and special dietary needs can be catered for. They can also be delivered frozen.

The Meals on Wheels service in West Sussex is available to all residents to order, no referral is needed. For further information, telephone 01903 231341 or visit the County Council website at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/countycatering](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/countycatering)

## Don't Tolerate It, Report It

Residents often phone or email the Clerk with regard to problems around the village which she duly forwards to the relevant authority. Please be aware that problems can also be reported directly to either Horsham District Council (for matters such as dog fouling, problems with the Acorn Plus scheme, fly tipping or fly posting, full litter or dog litter bins) and or West Sussex County Council (for matters such as pot holes, dangerous footpaths, hedges encroaching on WSCC's Highways, blocked drains) etc. Their contact details are:

Horsham District Council – 01403 215100 or visit [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk)

West Sussex County Council – 01243 777100 or visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

## Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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](http://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. Start times can vary but usually are from 7:30pm.

## Contact the Parish Council

Address: PO Box 315, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9XX

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**Litter Warden** – Mr Jim Cate – Jim is out and about in the

village most days, if you are concerned about a particular area that needs Jim's attention stop him on his travels and let him know or drop a line to the Clerk.

Chairman: **Mrs Viv Edwards**

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4 The Green, Old Guildford Road, Broadbridge Heath

**Terry Oliver** | 01403 251621

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County Councillor – **David Sheldon** | 01403 263504

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**For further information visit the Parish Council website [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)**

## Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

### Monday Meeting

01/07/2013	Parish Council
08/07/2013	Planning
12/08/2013	Planning
19/08/2013	Recreation
02/09/2013	Parish Council
09/09/2013	Planning
07/10/2013	Parish Council
07/10/2013	Planning
21/10/2013	Finance & Establishment
04/11/2013	Parish Council
11/11/2013	Planning
18/11/2013	Recreation
18/11/2013	Finance & Establishment
02/12/2013	Parish Council
09/12/2013	Planning
08/01/2014	Parish Council