

News

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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The annual accounts to 31 March 2015 have been approved by the council, signed off by the internal auditor and are with the external auditor Littlejohn of London for review. You can view the accounts on the Parish Council website.

News from your Parish Council

Welcome to the summer issue of Parish Council News for 2015. This newsletter is delivered to every household in the village with copies to the Sales Office at Wickhurst Green and aims to keep residents in touch with matters that may be of interest, including the Parish Council's activities and forthcoming meetings. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who provided an article and positive and complimentary feedback on our previous editions. Don't forget, if you have something that you would like to see in the next edition, which will come out just before Christmas, please

contact the Parish Clerk (contact details are on the back page).

Annual Parish Meeting Chairman's Report

Please take a few moments to read the extract from the Parish Council's Chairman's Report for 2014-15, included inside this newsletter. This highlights some of the work carried out by the Parish Council last year. The full Report is available on our website at www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk



War Memorial

With its new look, the War Memorial is a fitting monument to commemorate WW1 (1914-1918).

Clerk's corner



Hi, I'm Mary and this is me with my woofs Willow and Jack (butter wouldn't melt!). You may have seen us out and about in the village. I thought I would take the opportunity

to have my little bit of a say in this corner of the newsletter, but forgive the grammar or the spelling (deliberate mistake everyone knows how to spell spelling, lol) as it will be in my speak.

Firstly, I was gutted that Gleeson won the appeal to build on the land north of your village. I say 'your' as I don't live in BBH but it feels like I do and if 'A' for effort is anything to go by it would stay green as I saw how hard your Parish Council and District Councillor, Malcolm Curnock fought to keep it that way.

Time for a whinge, a whine. I would like to say thank you to responsible dog owners who like me never leave home without a pocketful of these (Tesco do a sweet smelling range for less than £1) to pick up the smelly stuff left behind by their pooch(es) but to those that don't



and just walk off ("Ooh, was that my dog?") then you should be ashamed of yourself. Don't disgrace your

dog and anger others by not picking up, keep footpaths and green spaces clear of dog litter please. Don't bag it and leave it in the hedges as some do on the Billingshurst Road. You can use a dog litter bin, a litter bin or your bin at home for disposal as I do.

Dog fouling is the offence of being in charge of a dog and failing to remove the mess from a public place. Got a mobile phone? Capture irresponsible dog owners and their dog(s) and email it to me or report it on the HDC website (search for dog fouling). An £80 fine could be coming their way. I for one, as well as Caroline and John (see below) will be on the look out so watch out watch out there is a camera about.



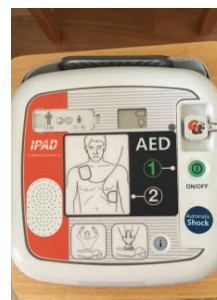
Caroline, Assistant Clerk and John, Environmental Cleansing Officer

OK enough of that. It is a pleasure to be working with Caroline and John. Both started last October and are great guys and like me they are keen to make a difference in the village. One of their next challenges is to smarten up the play areas. John already has the paint brushes out (I wish my husband would) and I have asked Caroline to research some new play equipment for Singleton Road, the slide is old and tired and you need strong arms to push the round thing about.



"The round thing"

We all three are employed by the council to work with and for the community. Need help, have something to say contact me, my details are in another corner on the back page.



The village now has its own defibrillator (pictured here) which will soon be sited next to the entrance door at St. John's Community Hall, Church Road. It will be easily

accessible 24 hours a day. If you would like to attend training, I have arranged for this to take place on **Saturday 1st August at 9:30am** in the Community Hall but even if you are not able to attend the training session, the equipment itself gives instructions for use and the emergency services will talk you through how to use it.

My personal thanks go to all those who very generously gave donations towards this piece of life saving equipment.

Kind regards your Clerk

Mary

Official Unveiling

Pictured here, the new bridge over the A24. On 16th June, Councillor Malcolm Curnock represented the Parish Council at the official unveiling of the new road improvement scheme.



Planning Inspectorate allow the appeal from Gleeson to develop the land north of the Old Guildford Road

At Horsham District Council's Development North Committee Meeting on Tuesday 17th June 2014, the majority of members resolved to REFUSE the outline application for the erection of up to 165 residential dwellings, a 60-bed care home with separate staff accommodation and associated infrastructure, groundworks, open space and landscaping on land to the North of the Old Guildford Road. The village was strongly opposed to this development as you will remember.

Regretfully, after a public hearing, the Planning Inspectorate decided to allow the development to proceed. Horsham District Council cannot demonstrate a five year housing land supply whilst the Horsham Development Planning Framework has not been accepted and Gleeson Developments Ltd seized the opportunity to gain permission to build on the only developable green field site left in Broadbridge Heath.



Residents protest against the development

The Parish Council had hoped that the inspector would recognise the harm that will be suffered by residents who have now lost a much loved area of countryside. The inspector also ignored the effects that further population will have on an area which is already absorbing massive development without mitigating infrastructure being delivered.

The busy Farthings Hill Roundabout over the A24 near the newly allowed development site should be signalised to allow safer crossing for pedestrians and cyclists and higher traffic flow

but a recent request by WSCC for external funding, subsequently refused, revealed that it only has 25% of the funds necessary to build this. A new neighbourhood centre being built in Broadbridge Heath was originally to include a healthcare facility, such as a doctor's surgery, but this is no longer the case and new residents must find a GP in Horsham or Southwater.

The Parish Council will continue to fight for the delivery of infrastructure including the much awaited traffic calming scheme for the village.



The land north of the Old Guildford Road

Broadbridge Heath Gala Association - Update

The Gala Committee very much regret that due to lack of resources there will be no bonfire / firework display this year.

They will, however, be organising a **Scarecrow event and competition** on the weekend of the 12th/13th September when all households, businesses and organisations in the village will be invited to display a scarecrow outside their house/premises or at prominent places in the village. The theme will be Film or TV characters and we look forward to seeing some imaginative, creative scarecrows. The idea is to create a scarecrow trail in the village that everyone can walk around and enjoy.

Further information will be published later in the year – keep an eye on our website (www.broadbridgeheath.co.uk) or contact Viv Edwards – viv@rh12.co.uk. We would also love to hear from anyone interested in joining the committee to boost our flagging numbers!!



Extract from Chairman Viv Edwards Report 2014-15 (April 2015)

As I look around the village it is evident that many changes have taken place over this period.

The most dramatic relates to the new development south of the village where already nearly 300 dwellings are occupied. Parts of the new road system, integral to the development, are open and a new bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over the A24 is now in place. There is a Pegasus crossing on the existing bypass (which will be downgraded when the new bypass is open) and most of the Bridleway connecting the new and existing village has been improved, with work due to start soon on the last remaining section behind the Village Centre.

Two new garages have been established in the village which have brought some problems for local residents, such as an increase in noise, lighting and parking. These, hopefully, have been or are in the process of being resolved.

On a positive note, the area around the War Memorial has been re-landscaped and is now far more open and attractive and provides a worthy setting for such an important landmark in the village.

The PC has been involved in all of these issues and more and has worked hard to try and secure the most acceptable outcome for local residents.

Other issues that have been of particular interest to local residents include:

Traffic Calming – the PC continues to discuss with the appropriate authorities the most appropriate form of traffic calming for the village. We are keen that measures will not only prevent traffic using the Billingshurst and Old Guildford Roads as a short cut when the new bypass is open, but will also slow down the vehicles and motor bikes that currently speed through the village.

The Leisure Centre and Broadbridge Heath Quadrant – it now seems possible that there will not be a new Leisure Centre but that the existing building may be renovated and made fit for purpose. We look forward to hearing Horsham District Council's (HDC) decision regarding this and seeing the revised plans for the area in due course, but we still have major concerns about the impact on BBH, particularly if the plans include even more new dwellings for the village.

As regards on-going projects in the village, I am glad to report that the partnership between Broadbridge Heath (BBH), Slinfold and Warnham Parish Councils to employ a shared Community Youth Worker, Dan Fairchild, continues to provide benefits for all concerned.

Following dramatic cuts in services a few years ago, the PC picked up the remit for provision of youth facilities in the village and all seems to be going well. Dan works closely with young people and local organisations and has developed a range of appropriate services and support which include the popular youth club (Toasties), held at the Scout Hut on a Friday evening.

The local green spaces and recreation areas are much used and valued by residents and I know many people were disappointed last year when the grass in these areas was not cut regularly. We now have new contractors in place and the difference is already noticeable.

We continue to have close ties with Sussex Police, mainly through the PSCO who is nominated to look after BBH. Currently this is Damian Cecil who provides us with monthly reports and periodically attends a PC meeting to update us on what is happening in the village.



**Viv Edwards,
Chairman, 20th April
2015**

The full report includes reports from the Parish Council's committees and thanks to all those

involved and previously involved with serving the parish.

Welcome to District Councillor Matthew French



Firstly, I would like to say thank you to everyone who voted for me as the representative on Horsham District Council. It is a great honour and I will do my very best for all residents of

Broadbridge Heath over the next 4 years.

The next few years will be challenging and it is essential that Broadbridge Heath gets what it is owed for the tremendous amount of development it has had. I have had many years of experience especially in planning with another local council so I feel this will help me to pursue the infrastructure the village needs.

I have also been a parish councillor therefore I have a lot of understanding and respect for the work of the parish

council and the important role they have at the very heart of the community.

I want to help improve the links between the parish and district council as well as the many other organisations and groups in Broadbridge Heath.

This is achieved by openness and communication of which I want to encourage to all. Should you wish to contact me please feel free to call me on 01403 730040 or email matthew.french@horsham.gov.uk I will be happy to meet you and help in any way I can.

Overhanging vegetation

As the bird-nesting season comes to an end, please take a look to see if your hedges or trees overhang a footpath or road? Think about footpath and road users and ensure that your hedges and trees are regularly trimmed back. Footpaths and roads can be dangerously narrowed by overhanging vegetation. Please spare a thought for the elderly, blind, wheelchair and pushchair users on footpaths and ensure that your hedgerow

is regularly trimmed, so that they are not forced to walk into the road. You run the risk of formal notice from the County Council if you fail to keep overhanging vegetation under control, and could even face legal action from an injured member of the public.



Youth Worker update

Summer Away

This summer we are running two separate residential events for school years 6-8 and years 9-13. Each residential will be at a PGL camp, which includes outdoor activities High Ropes, Raft Building, Jacobs Ladder and much more. From Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August we will be at Windmill Hill in East Sussex, this is for school years 6-8. Friday 31st July to Monday 3rd August we will be going over to Little Canada on the Isle of White, this is for those in school year 9 to year 13.

Tanbridge House School (THS)

For the last 2 years I have been going into THS doing a variety of different activities and courses alongside other youth workers. These include: getting to know young people through detached work, running an Alcohol Awareness Project (Mocktail Apprentice) and being part of the Eliv8 team, this is a course on raising aspirations, self-esteem and challenging behaviour.

Toasties Youth Club

Toasties, our Youth Club has been running for over a year now, with great success, thank you to our volunteers. It runs on Fridays from 6:30pm 'til 8pm in term time for those in school year 6-8. We meet in the Scout Hall. Throughout the evening we have games, crafts and other activities. It is a great opportunity for young people to hang out with their friends in a safe space. We have over 25 young people regularly attending.

Social outings

We have been running socials over the year, most recently a Laser Tag trip to Horsham Super Bowl. We are now looking forward to a Go-Karting trip in June. All advertised in the youth club and on www.facebook.com/CommunityYW

Volunteer!

We have a great team of volunteers that support our youth club, socials and other activities, but we are always looking for more help and support. From as little a commitment as one evening a term you can help continue the great work that is already going on with our amazing young people.

Can you help?

We're looking for volunteers with vehicles that can tow a trailer of mobile skate ramps to different venues in Broadbridge Heath, Warnham & Slinfold for young people to enjoy.



Volunteers are needed who are willing to collect the skate ramps from the South of the Horsham District where they are stored. The ramps are transported in a trailer which the volunteers will drive to an agreed venue,

leave while the session is run by our Youth Worker/s (normally 2 hours) then return to collect the trailer and drive it back to the stored location.

The trailer weighs approximately 2,600 kgs. Fuel costs will be reimbursed. Days and times of skate sessions to be agreed.

For more information on any of the above please contact: Dan Fairchild; email: dan.fairchild@horsham-matters.org.uk; mobile: 07702 492841.



News from the Wickhurst Green Development



As the development continues on the site at the southern part of the village new residents are continuing to move in each month. Total occupancies have recently gone past the 350 mark and it

is clear that a strong sense of community is developing in the area. The residents have made great use of social networks such as Facebook to share information about the local area and to help with issues arising. As the development is getting more established, residents are looking at different initiatives such as, 'Adopt a Street' to help maintain this lovely part of the village.

As summer approaches people from the different phases of the development will be coming together for BBQ's and picnics as further ways to get to meet their new neighbours and to try and enhance the community spirit that is already evident. If you would like to get involved contact me, Councillor John Newton, my email address is john@thenewtonfamily.co.uk

Our play areas in the village

July sees the full annual inspection of our play areas. Our Assistant Clerk and Environment Officer pride themselves in keeping the play areas safe and looking their best so if you have anything to say about any of our recreation areas (good or bad) drop them an email or send a text.



Summer and Autumn at the Village Centre

Why not pop along to the Village Centre, Wickhurst Lane and enjoy a nice cool glass of something 'short and sweet or long and tall'. Committee and staff look forward to seeing you.

Opening times 3:00pm till 11:00pm.

Call 01403 217177 for details on forthcoming events and membership.

How the Council obtains and uses community funding. Tell us about your projects

Last year, after the Parish Council had added the Cricket Club's project to the list of community projects that could be funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), the Cricket Club secured funding to make improvements to the pavilion (shown here after its renovations).

The new CIL process requires that legal agreements negotiated with developers during the planning stage, have to be specific about where developers' contributions will be

spent. To facilitate this, the Parish Council maintains a list of known community projects and this list of projects is shared with Horsham District Council to be used in negotiations with developers. So please keep the Clerk informed of funds needed for your community project, or for potential projects, by emailing clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk.



Contact the Parish Council

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Environment Officer: Mr John Pilkington is out and about in the village at least three times a week. If you are concerned about a particular area that needs John's attention please call him on his mobile on 07749 363454 or contact the Clerk.

Chairman: Mrs Viv Edwards

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Useful Numbers

Our Police Community Support Officer is Damian Cecil
Email: horshamnorthnpt@sussex.pnn.police.uk or telephone
101 Sussex Police Ext. 22319. Mobile 07824 820332

Don't Tolerate it, Report it

Residents often contact the Clerk about 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) 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

www.horsham.gov.uk

West Sussex County Council: 01243 777100

or love.westsussex.gov.uk where you can sign in, raise a report and track progress.

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For further information visit the Parish Council website
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Parish Council Meetings

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. Start times can vary but usually are from 7:30pm.

Forthcoming meetings 2015

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| 06/07/2015 | Parish Council |
| 10/08/2015 | Planning and/or Local Development |
| AUGUST | PC RECESS |
| 07/09/2015 | Parish Council |
| 21/09/2015 | Recreation |
| 05/10/2015 | Parish Council |
| 12/10/2015 | Planning and/or Local Development |
| 19/10/2015 | Finance & Establishment |
| 02/11/2015 | Parish Council |
| 16/11/2015 | Recreation |
| 23/11/2015 | Finance & Establishment |
| 07/12/2015 | Parish Council |
| 14/12/2015 | Planning and/or Local Development |
| 04/01/2016 | Parish Council |