



CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Following the elections on 3rd May 2007, twelve Councillors were elected to serve on Cranleigh Parish Council: for Cranleigh East, Brian Cheesman, Jean Dodd, David Gallacher, Rosemary Hurlley and Ken Reed; for Cranleigh West, John Bainbridge, Brian Ellis, Patricia Ellis and Stewart Stennett; Cranleigh Rural, Brian Arendell; Cranleigh North, Mary Foryszewski and Elmbridge, Cyril Baily.

During 2007/08 the Parish Council continued the programme of improvements on the facilities we provide to the community, however, due to sound financial management, the Parish precept increased by only 2.1% at Band D from £39.24 in 2007/08 to £40.06 in 2008/09. This represents a cost of 77 pence per week (measured at Band D) for providing a range of services to the community.

Whilst the Village Hall was closed during August 2007, the internal decoration was undertaken, and the external decoration is scheduled for August 2008. That will conclude the major work that has taken place on the Village Hall over the past few years. We are lucky to have our own caretaker, Peter Parsons, who gives great assistance to users and makes Cranleigh one of the few manned Village Halls in the area.

In December 2007 the Parish Council was delighted to learn that they had been awarded a Big Lottery Grant of £50,000 towards improvements to the playground at Snoxhall. This had been achieved by working with Waverley Borough Council. The Parish Council are now working with users of the playground to form a fundraising group in order to bring the plans for the playground to fruition more speedily.

Plans have been drawn up for the provision of disabled access and facilities in our sports pavilion and it is hoped the work will be undertaken during the latter part of 2008.

Young people in Cranleigh have indicated that they badly miss the youth shelter which had to be demolished due to vandalism in 2007, and have been involved with choosing a design for a new youth shelter and applying to Awards For All for grant funding. Disappointingly, the application was not successful. The Parish Council has allocated some money in the 2008/9 budget and it is hoped that a replacement shelter will be in place by summer 2008.

Following the success of the Parish Council working with the sports clubs who use Snoxhall to obtain funding for new goal posts and nets in 2007, there are continued plans to work with sports groups to seek further funding to upgrade the facilities wherever possible.

We appreciate the continued commitment and hard work of Nick Barnett, our Grounds Manager; Derek Heslewood, his assistant and Kevin Cave, the Sexton.

The Parish Council's Planning Committee, chaired by Mrs Ellis, has continued to meet every three weeks throughout the year, in order to provide timely and comprehensive input to Waverley Borough



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Council, the Local Planning Authority. In addition to the usual planning applications, there have been some significant planning applications during the year including Cranleigh Brick and Tile and Swallows Tiles. There has also been an increase in the number of planning appeals. The proposed development at Dunsfold Park will be the next large planning application which will need careful consideration by the Planning Committee as, although it is not within the parish of Cranleigh, it will have a huge impact on our community and its infrastructure.

The main source of income for the Parish Council is the parish precept, however, this is augmented by levying fees for the use of our facilities, grants received and interest from our reserves. The Parish Council also receives a Compensatory Grant from Waverley Borough Council to reflect that Cranleigh tax payers not only pay for their own recreation facilities, but also those elsewhere in the borough.

The following table shows how income has been made up over the last four years.

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Fees and Charges	53247	51688	54700	52704
Interest on reserves	8102	8492	9421	10500
Compensatory Grant	34285	36758	44813	43070
Other Income	2886	18336	1230	26000
Parish Precept	197593	200283	203263	210228
Total Income	296113	315557	313427	342502

Revenue expenditure – the day to day spending on providing, maintaining and improving our facilities – is spread over a number of areas as follows: -

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Administration	90931	101797	116937	126073
Grants	3720	3087	3849	4000
Recreation	76880	77757	92793	92070
Cemetery	29807	32150	33112	35037
Village hall	37022	37835	59352	39427
Total	238260	252626	306043	292607

Capital expenditure – spending on new items and projects is also spread over several areas: -

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
General	16845	11200	15448	0
Recreation	10033	13379	11360	12200
Village Hall	2820	15587	14665	13600
Cemetery	0	1115	2989	0
Total	29698	41281	44462	25800

The Parish Council is committed to those opportunities which we believe will be of benefit to the wider community. The plans for the community hospital and the Health and Social Care group have been aided by the expertise in this field of Rosemary Hurtley, and the Council are grateful for her time and effort in this area. It is hoped that the PCT will make a decision regarding the new hospital later in 2008.

The Parish Council sponsored the 2008 Cranleigh Young Person of the Year campaign in partnership with the Surrey Advertiser and Max Cheesmar, was announced as the winner at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Martin Thompson, Philip Hatch and Adam Gale were given special awards for their contribution to the community.



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As in previous years, we received a grant from the Henry Smith's Charity to be spent on disadvantaged local residents. This year we received £4,400 and agreed to transfer £4,400 to the Cranleigh Community Fund which distributes it on our behalf.



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