



Chorleywood Matters



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NEWS & VIEWS FROM CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

An Overview of the Annual Report for the Year 2010-2011

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL commented in his Report on the success of Village Day 2010, the first Parish Charity Quiz night, which raised £4,500 for local charities and the Christmas Late Night Shopping event, which was well supported despite the bitter weather. He went on to list the various outside functions and events which he had attended on behalf of the Council and concluded his Report by thanking all Councillors for their work and time that they give freely to the Community of Chorleywood, not forgetting the Parish Clerk and her three Office Personnel, the Parish Rangers, the PCSOs and our Caretakers and Cleaners who look after the Village Halls.

THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE has again had a busy year. It has updated the Common Management Plan, originally drafted in the 1990s, which it is hoped to have available in print on Village Day 2011. Unfortunately, plans to return grazing onto the Common in autumn 2010 were thwarted by the weather, there being insufficient feed for the cattle. A survey of all signage on the Common was undertaken with a view to its rationalisation and renewal. The Assistant Ranger has made a full survey of the condition of all the ponds and, based on this, needed work will be done.

Following a tree safety survey, necessary work has been done in Grove Wood which should improve its life expectancy. Using funding from Hertfordshire County Council, we hope to have replaced all inaccurate, worn out or damaged Rights of Way signage in the Parish by the end of 2011. In the Lawn Cemetery, the ornamental beds have been replanted, some fencing has been replaced and the hedge has been pruned to encourage it to grow more thickly at the base. With an ever-growing demand for allotment plots, we have been working to create as many new plots as possible in each of our three sites. Two meetings have been held with the Common Users' Group over the last year and it is hoped to extend its membership.



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THE PLANNING COMMITTEE meets more frequently than any other Committee to enable it to coordinate with the meetings of the Development Control Committee at TRDC.

In the calendar year 2010, Two hundred and sixteen planning applications have been reviewed by the Parish Planning Committee. We had no objection to 101 of these, although 25 of them were subsequently refused by TRDC. We expressed concern with regard to specific features in 78 applications and again TRDC subsequently refused permission in 25 of them. We objected to 37 applications and asked for them to be considered by the Committee at TRDC rather than being delegated to Officers. Of these 37 applications, 17 were withdrawn and some revised and resubmitted. Twenty five of our objections were upheld by TRDC and planning permission refused.

THE VILLAGE HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE has responsibility for managing and running the three village halls. The Chairman of the Committee reported that the War Memorial Hall had been booked on 591 occasions during the year, Bullsland Hall on 428 and the Hollybush Hall on 123.

The interior of the War Memorial Hall has been repainted, the stage and window curtains have been cleaned and the tea urn and microwave oven have been replaced. The sound system has been overhauled and two telescopic and two table stand microphones have been purchased together with two replacement lighting units. The loft at Bullsland Hall has been boarded for safe access. The leaking dishwasher and the failure of the hot water and heating system have been attended to and the microwave oven replaced. Faced with these expenditures and the current financial difficulties the Committee has had to reluctantly increase hire charges, albeit at less than the rate of inflation.

THE TRDC ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM has the aim to raise awareness of the problems facing the environment and to work towards the delivery of national and county Biodiversity Action Plans and is also responsible for the running of the Rickmansworth Canal Festival. We were represented on the Forum by the Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee.

THE CHILTERN CONSERVATION BOARD is a Government Body responsible for protecting and enhancing the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is made up of representatives of all the County, District and Parish Councils in the AONB and a number of members appointed by the Secretary of State. Our Chairman of Open Spaces represented all the Hertfordshire parishes in the AONB.

THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD works in partnership to formulate and implement a vision of the Three Rivers District as a place which is safe, healthy and prosperous and where people want to live, work and visit. The Chairman of our Planning Committee represents all five Parish Councils in the District on the Board.

CHORLEYWOOD YOUTH CLUB has had a successful year and has increased the weekly opening to two nights. Two new and experienced Youth Workers have been recruited, an additional pool table has been purchased and talks have been organised on subjects of interest to inform and encourage discussion. Two Parish Councillors have represented the Council on the management committee and the Parish has made a donation to the Club.

CHORLEYWOOD TWINNING ASSOCIATION has had a difficult year with concerns about falling membership. However, sixteen members visited Dardilly in the spring of 2010 and were warmly received by their hosts. The French conversation group has a membership of seventeen and meets every two weeks during term time.

CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM, to which the Council donates, has this year gained a Silver Award from Tourism South East for "The Small Attraction of the Year". The Museum runs educational programmes for school children, including carpentry courses using tools and wood turning equipment from bygone days. School groups visit the Iron Age house and learn cooking and pot making techniques from that era. With 78 years left on the lease, the future seems secure for the Museum.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS. The year under review has been another good year for the team with a significant decrease in crime for the whole of Chorleywood. "Smartwater" for invisibly marking your valuables, is still available through the Neighbourhood Watch scheme at a much reduced cost of £20 instead of £60. The PCSOs now have the use of a portable speed camera which they can set up at the side of the road where they have had reports of speeding.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2010-2011

Committee	2009/10 Actual	2010/11 Budget	2010/11 Revised	2010/11 Actual
Policy & Resources	£187,386	£206,510	£207,620	£194,383
Open Spaces	£106,548	£109,956	£110,227	£93,731
Chorleywood Village Halls	£1,541	£715	£0	£-1,418

The full text of the Annual Report can be seen at the Parish Office, the Library or at the Council website at www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2010-2011

PLANNING

Cllr Mrs J Worrall
Cllr M Green
Cllr Miss P Howell
Cllr R Khuroya
Cllr Mrs V Lantree
Cllr G Liley
Cllr Mrs J White

OPEN SPACES

Cllr Mrs M Jarrett
Cllr Mrs W Boatman
Cllr T Edwards
Cllr N Eve
Cllr Mrs A Preedy
Cllr S Watkins
Cllr Mrs J Worrall

VILLAGE HALLS

Cllr R Kipps
Cllr M Green
Cllr Miss P Howell
Cllr R Khuroya
Cllr K Morris
Cllr Mrs A Preedy
Cllr S Watkins

POLICY & RESOURCES

Cllr Mrs A Hayward
Cllr R Kipps
Cllr Mrs J White
Cllr T Edwards
Cllr Mrs L Sutherland
Cllr Mrs J Worrall
Cllr Mrs M Jarrett
Cllr S Watkins

News in Brief



Cllr Mrs Lyn Sutherland, Vice Chair and Cllr Mrs Alex Hayward, Chairman

- Cllr Mrs Alex Hayward became Parish Chairman at the Annual Meeting and she is joined by Cllr Mrs Lyn Sutherland as her Vice Chairman.
- The Cattle have been removed from the Common after a successful grazing period and will return in the late summer.
- Dog waste bags are available free of charge from the Parish Office and Chorleywood Library.
- Don't forget this year's Village Day which will be held on the Common on Saturday 9th July from 12 noon until 4pm. The Dog Show will again be a big feature (registration from 1.30 pm) together with a 'Fancy Hat' Competition which will be judged by the Parish Chairman at 12.30pm.
- There will be a Councillor Surgery held in Chorleywood Library on Saturday 2nd July from 10 am until 12 noon.