

# Crookham Village Parish Council

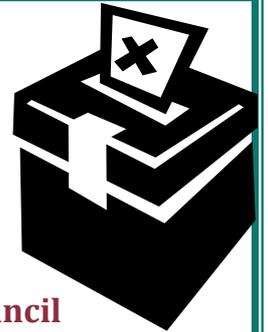
# Parish News



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## Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Do you believe we need more or fewer play areas, more grass cutting, better community facilities, better kept footpaths, lots of new development?



If you have views on these or any other local issues then the Parish Council is the place where you can influence matters. This year is Election Year for Crookham Village Parish Council, which would welcome new councillors.

There are eight Councillors for the three wards; five for Zebon Copse, two for Crookham Village and one for Netherhouse Moor. Anyone who lives or works anywhere in the Parish or within 3 miles of the boundary is eligible to stand.

Elections will be held on 1st May. If you want more information on what is involved in being a parish councillor and how to stand, please talk to the Clerk or get the necessary forms which are now available from Electoral Services at Hart District Council. The completed nomination forms must be returned to Hart Council by noon on 4th April.

**Please consider standing for CVPC  
and don't forget to use your vote on 1st May**

## Contacts:

[www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk](http://www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk)

### Police

To contact your local beat officers call 0845 045045, you may need to leave a message but they will get back to you

**Always dial 999 to report crimes in progress**

### 101 Non Emergency Number

101 should be called to report non-emergency incidents such as:

- Vandalism and graffiti
- Noise nuisance
- Abandoned vehicles
- Dumping and fly-tipping
- Drunk and rowdy groups
- Drug related anti-social behaviour

### Contacting the Parish Council

Correspondence should be addressed to the clerk:

Daegmarsfield Farm  
Church Lane  
Dogmersfield  
Hook RG27 8SZ  
Tel: 01252 810568  
Email: [clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk)

### Contacting individual Parish Councillors and Officers

All email addresses have the format:  
*firstname.surname@crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk*

### The Mobile Library visits once a fortnight

The Street, by the Black Horse 10.40am to 11.05am  
Crandall Road, Chequers Wharf 11.15am to 11.30am  
May 1, 15, 29 | June 12, 26 | July 10, 24

## Budget News

The work of the Parish Council is funded by a precept, which is charged as part of your council tax and collected by Hart District Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

The total budget for Crookham Village Parish Council for the year 2008/09 is £38,000, which equates to a figure of £22.03 per annum for a Band D property.

All Parishes have the flexibility to set a budget that meets the needs of their local people. Next year, CVPC's precept is slightly lower than the average for Parishes within Hart.

The audited accounts are published each year and an invitation for parishioners to inspect the accounts is posted on Parish noticeboards .

The following is a summary of where the money is being spent for the forthcoming year:

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept	38,000	Salaries and overheads	12,003
Interest	6,000	Parish Plan	2,000
Other	<u>75</u>	Community Centre	14,200
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£44,075</b>	Literature	100
From reserves	<u>8,582</u>	Courses, meetings, travel	400
	<b>£52,657</b>	Meeting room hire	414
		Asset maintenance & repairs	5,300
		Insurances	2,000
		Subscriptions	755
		Audit fee	285
		Election costs	2,200
		Youth services	2,000
		Street lighting	1,000
		SECTION 137	2,000
		<b>CAPITAL</b>	
		Office equipment	500
		<b>SPECIFIC RESERVES</b>	
		Village Hall fund	<u>8,000</u>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£52,657</b>

## Meet the Team

### Angela Sayers

#### Responsible Financial Officer to Crookham Village Parish Council

I joined the Parish Council in September 2006 as The Responsible Financial Officer. I have previously worked for an accountancy practice as an auditor and also as a Financial Accountant for a large UK retailer, so the accounts are in good hands.



My role on a monthly basis involves producing reports detailing income and expenditure against budget, and giving status reports on Balance Sheet items such as bank accounts. I also deal with all VAT and PAYE matters and any other financial issues arising. As a Parish Council we have a statutory responsibility to produce an Annual Return summarising our annual activities at the completion of each financial year. We are responsible for ensuring that financial management is adequate and effective and that the council has a sound system of internal control as governed by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003. I am pleased to report we have recently received our certified Annual Return from the Audit Commission for the financial year 31 March 2007.

Each year the Parish Council receives a precept from Hart District Council. An important part of my job is to ensure the annual budget is prepared as accurately as possible taking into consideration all future expenditure for the coming year and advising the Parish Council of variations throughout the year.

Finally I would just like to thank the Parish Council for making my first year so welcoming.

## Peter Crawley—The Unrepentant Councillor

Eve and I moved to Crookham in 1964 because we had decided we wanted to live in an old house in a village, and the Forge House filled the bill admirably. We wanted to be in a place where our neighbours were our friends, and our friends our neighbours. With these views we soon joined the Crookham Village Association whose aims were, and indeed still are, to foster community spirit. The Association were very concerned about the rising threat of development, and we soon realised that there were people outside the village with very different ideas for its future than ours. The Parish Council were our accredited representatives in dealing with outside authorities so I was induced to become a councillor to try to keep the developers at bay.



Thirty-odd years later I am still a Parish Councillor. Why? - because I have found it fascinating. It means I learn what is going on and can do my bit to try to maintain our preferred way of life. I have been able to do this by attending one evening meeting a month, plus such other projects as I choose to become involved with, without excessive calls on my leisure. This contrasts with our District Councillors for whom meetings can become a way of life. Of course the Parish Council has changed over the years; our population is now five times the size and our projects have become larger. We need young active councillors, but I feel there is still a place for us senior citizens to lend our experience and speak up for our causes.

So my message is this - why not put yourself up for election and give yourself the opportunity to enjoy yourself doing something for the Parish?

## Youth Issues

The Parish Council has been working with Hampshire Youth Services to provide activities for the growing number of teenagers in the Parish. One of the key objectives is to develop relationships and encourage young people aged 11-19 in community participation.

The highlight of the programme of activities will be a photography project. This runs for a week from 26th-30th May, places on the project are limited by the amount of staff and equipment available. The participants will receive instruction on photography techniques, developing and printing. They will choose and photograph their subjects and print the results; culminating at the end of the week in an exhibition.

CVPC is committed to supporting both this project and ongoing youth activities. If you are in the appropriate age range and interested in participating in this or other activities, call the number below or go along to the BBQ on 28th March.



*Zebon Copse Out Reach Project would like to introduce to your area, community youth workers Andy and Maddie.*

*Contact us on 07513 446767*

*We will be out and about on Friday nights. If you would like to arrange to meet with us please leave us a message and we will get back to you.*

*Come and get to know the team and Betsie. Free BBQ Friday 28th March @ Velmead Community Centre. 8pm to 10pm*

*LOVE THE LIFE YOU LIVE, LIVE THE LIFE YOU LOVE*



# **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Tuesday 8th April 2008 at 8pm**  
**in Velmead Community Centre,**  
**Danvers Drive** (Zebon Copse)

**Meet your Councillors and join them for refreshments from 7.30pm**

**This meeting is your opportunity to come and listen to what your elected representatives have to say, to ask them questions and to have your say on local issues.**

**The agenda includes:**

- **Chairman's report**
- **County and District Councillors' question time**
- **Information on Youth Projects**
- **Update on the Parish Boundary review**
- **Reduction of traffic speed on Crondall Road**

**If you wish to have a specific resolution added to the agenda for debate and to vote on, please notify the clerk in advance of the meeting – all topics welcome.**

**Please do come along and join in the discussions on the agenda items, or any other issue you feel passionately about.**

**Contact the Clerk on: 01252 810568 or email: [clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk)**

**The format of the evening will be fairly informal:**

**7:30-8:00 Meet the councillors and ask questions**

**8:00-9:00 Reports and agenda items**

**9:00-9:30 Informal discussions with councillors and refreshments**

**9:30-10:00 Sum up and action plan**