

## **REPORT OF THE OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~**

**MAY 2005**

The clerk opened the first meeting of the Council's year by asking for nominations for the chairman's position. Mrs Paula Marsh was proposed and following her acceptance she took the chair. Mrs Susan Wilson was then co-opted to serve on the council for two years. Councillors Denny, Frow and Jenn remain as serving members.

Mrs Marsh welcomed our new County Councillor, Mr Ken Rimington who had only spent a few days at County Hall and commented on the spending power of the council and the number of its employees. He also remarked on the fact that residents in Surrey pay 40% of the Council Tax whereas in other parts of the country they pay much less. He was asked to look into the matter of getting the dangerously high cow parsley at road junctions cut soon.

There were no District Councillors present as there was a Council Meeting that night but the clerk has received information from T.D.C. about a new national law on high hedges that comes into effect next month. It gives the District Council powers to deal with complaints about high hedges if all other attempts to solve the situation have failed. T.D.C. is awaiting delivery of copies of the leaflet "High Hedges: complaining to the council" answering frequently asked questions. In the meantime it is available for inspection on the website [www.odpm.gov.uk](http://www.odpm.gov.uk) (Click on 'Urban Policy', then 'Cleaner safer greener communities' then 'Trees and high hedges') For more information contact Amanda Hawkins on 01883 732710.

Correspondence has taken place with the District Council which is not happy with the possibility of a hard runway at Redhill Aerodrome and it would also resist any other form of development.

Mr Chris Stembridge spoke for Law and Order and urged us all to be vigilant as there had been a report of a suspicious person being seen in the village.

The new officers for the Lloyd Hall Management Committee were noted and there are to be several fundraising efforts to offset the fewer numbers of bookings lately.

The clerk is chasing up the delivery of the new kerbstones for the planted strip of Daysey's Hill as well as that of the oak signs.

A decision on the improvement of footpath 471 is still awaited as the Rights of Way Office is having its funding reviewed at present. There are rumours that Millers Lane has been included in this year's programme for complete resurfacing.

The Council was pleased with the village turnout for the Annual Meeting last month and has resolved to address the points raised by the villagers - namely signage, litter, the state of the roads and village targets.

All villagers are very welcome to attend any of the council's monthly meetings in the Lloyd Hall at 8pm.

*Paula Marsh – May 2005*