

REPORT OF THE OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~

JUNE 2005

Members of the council were pleased to elect Ian Frow as Vice Chairman and to welcome Peter Brown and Alan Jones. Diana Brown had sent her apologies. Several matters were discussed the most pertinent for this report being the Gatwick Noiseline (the number of which can be found on the page opposite this report). Please DO call this with your complaint and ask for a written reply. The bigger the variety of people who call, the more notice will be taken. 100 different names bears more clout than 99 of the same. August 14th is the date of the Redhill Airshow - horse owners please note as there will be some considerable noise.

Neither our local constable nor our Neighbourhood Watch Chairman were present but an incident was noted at this meeting. An oak tree had been set on fire in a field off Wasp Green Lane and two "young people" were spotted near the scene. Please will all residents be aware of this and report anything suspicious to the police.

We are hoping that the village will look clean and tidy after the London to Brighton bike ride and that villagers are noticing the continued employment of our "odd job man".

I mentioned in last month's Outwood News that "the District Council would resist any form of development concerning Redhill Aerodrome". In fact it is stronger than that - T.D.C. will actively oppose any such attempt.

The Outline Master Plan for Gatwick Airport has been received by your Council and various points have been answered the main concern being the noise and pollution from the M23. We consider that Gatwick Airport Ltd has a moral duty to contribute to and encourage action to ameliorate these environmental issues. Whilst we accept that Gatwick is still going to expand its passenger numbers we oppose any second runway development because of the knock on effect it would have on the local infrastructure which is already under strain.

New kerbstones are due to be fitted along the unkerbed part of Dayseys Hill on July 4th and the new oak signs will be erected at either end before or around that time. There is a more detailed description of the tree life in Dayseys Hill in a separate article by courtesy of Mike Johnson to whom we extend our thanks.

Workmen were spotted in Millers Lane recently filling in a few potholes but not all. We sincerely hope that this does not put the resurfacing programme in jeopardy!

A number of members of the council will be accompanying Mr Ian Gillespie from the Rural Housing Trust on a preliminary tour of the village with a view to the R. H. T. approaching landowners about a number of possible sites for a few affordable homes.

Paula Marsh – June 2005