

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

**JULY 2005**

We were pleased to welcome County Councillor Ken Rimington who was able to praise the Surrey emergency services for having the Emergency Plan ready within two hours following the London bombings on July 7th. He expressed continued concern that Surrey residents pay 45% of the councils' expenses as against 25% in the rest of the country.

We were also pleased to see District Councillor Alan Jones who reminded us that the District Council is now responsible for licensing applications. This includes pubs, supermarkets, village halls etc.

There have been a number of incidents of vandalism in the village recently and Chris Stembridge from the Neighbourhood Watch reminded us that unless incidents are reported to the police they do not get recorded officially. There is also a new PCSO based in Lingfield named Julie Watson. (See his separate article).

A new computer package has been purchased and installed for the village website which will enable updates to be made more efficiently. Villagers are encouraged to visit the website from time to time.

As we know, the wheels of government grind exceedingly slowly and the parish boundary changes are no exception. We have heard, however, that our case has gone before the powers that be and it is only a matter of time.....

Residents will be pleased to know that the taxi vouchers mentioned in previous reports are now available from the Parish Clerk.

Now for some good and some bad news - the bad news is that the roundabout at Junction 6 of the M25 (Godstone) is under temporary traffic lights as the elderly gas pipes under the road are being replaced. Traffic congestion is inevitable. The good news is that Millers Lane is due to be resurfaced with the work starting on 19th September.

Horse owners in particular, please remember the date of the Redhill Air Show - August 14th - as there is likely to be a fair bit of noise from aircraft.

Subject to Ofcom's review of payphones, BT may remove the cash facility from the payphone in Millers Lane. Residents in the immediate vicinity of this payphone will be receiving a letter from the Parish Council in the near future asking for their comments. All other functions including the ability to make emergency, operator controlled, reverse charge, credit card and chargecard calls will be retained.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council, may I wish all residents a happy and safe holiday period.

*Paula Marsh – July 2005*