

Report of the Outwood Parish Council Meeting ~

October 2005

Surrey County Councillor Ken Rimington began the meeting by telling us that there is to be a Parish Review in the near future.

We were pleased to welcome a number of villagers this month to hear Councillor Ken Rimington breaking the news that to avoid an increase in our Council Tax next year there would have to be a cutback mostly in the form of redundancies within Surrey County Council. Also, the Fire Brigade's call centre potentially is moving to Hampshire - but not for another 3 years. Surrey waste increases by about 3% each year. Only 20 - 22% of this is recycled. The Council must double this by 2008. The alternative to landfill is incineration and a site on the edge of the border between Surrey and Hampshire has been put forward to replace the proposed site at Capel. There are two workmen in action again to do necessary repair works in our location every 4 weeks.

We then heard from Councillor Alan Jones that the licensing committee at Tandridge District Council was still grappling with applications. He also reported that there will have to be at least 110 new houses built in this area per annum between 2006 and 2026. However, between 2001 and 2006 T.D.C. will actually provide an average of 235 dwellings almost all on "brown field" sites. He also told us that the aviation industry is committed to improving aeroplane fuel efficiency, reducing the emission of nitrogen oxide and a 50% decrease in the noise level by 2020.

P.C. Paul Baker had sent a written report which included a number of motor vehicle crimes. Villagers are reminded to lock their cars at all times and not to leave goods on display (including mobile phones). There had been a burglary in Millers Lane. Chris Stembridge on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch added that the phone box in Millers Lane had been vandalised and there had been a burnt-out car at the Cricket Club which has since been removed.

Street cleaning is to take place at the following times - Week commencing November 21st - Prince of Wales Road - Moat Lane to Brickfield Road. Week commencing November 28th - Brickfield Road, Dayseys Hill including Prince of Wales Road (up to Brickfield Road) and Green Lane. Week commencing December 5th - Little Collins, Millers Lane, Scotts Hill and Wasp Green Lane. Week commencing December 12th - Rookery Hill and Outwood Lane (from Home Farm).

At the Redhill Aerodrome Consultative Committee meeting in September, following discussions about the Air Show, Philip Wright (the Aerodrome manager) undertook to ensure that Outwood residents would be on the leaflet distribution if a similar event takes place next year and he volunteered that he was determined to solve the "North Outwood noise problem" caused by aircraft flying inaccurate circuits.

The Council is to write to Tandridge District Council to express villagers' pleasure at the amicable way in which the personnel resurfacing Millers Lane handled the often difficult situations. There was only one day when the Post Bus was unable to pass through.

Tandridge has a scheme - "Care and Repair" - which helps with repairs and improvements for older or disabled homeowners. They give free advice and practical support for which there may be a small charge. For further details contact Julie Francis at T.D.C.

Finally, don't forget that taxi vouchers are available to ALL villagers with a phone call to the Parish Clerk.

Paula Marsh - October 2005