

Report of the Outwood Parish Council Meeting ~ July 2006

Surrey County Councillor Ken Rimington revealed that SCC's cutbacks have saved £6.3 million in two months and it now has 8,123 employees. It has an improvement plan for highways with a vision of Rights of Way networks but no details were given. The Council is also concerned about unnecessary food packaging and is talking to the supermarkets. There is to be a new non-emergency 101 phone number where local problems can be answered but it will not be in operation until a year's time.

As there were no local District Councillors in attendance we have no local council news but we had a written report from Nigel Shaw on behalf of the Community Speed Watch scheme which is up and running. Six sites around the village have been approved by the police for health and safety suitability with one more pending. Disappointingly no safe area in which volunteers could operate could be identified on Scotts Hill as sight lines are poor. Also Speed Watch is unable to operate in 50mph limits in Rookery Hill, Dayseys Hill and Prince of Wales Road. You may have spotted the 'Community Speed Watch Area' signs close to the approved sites and Nigel says that judging by recent monitoring sessions they and the high visibility jackets are having some deterrent effect. There have been 8 sessions with the speed gun in July and details of 20 speeding vehicles have been passed on to the police. With one recent additional volunteer 5 people are awaiting training from Surrey Police.

The road surface in Outwood Lane outside Harewood House is becoming very potholed and dangerous, and in need of urgent repair, and the Council is addressing this via Surrey Highways.

We had a very detailed report on Dayseys Hill from Michael Johnson there is a separate update which can be found under the 'Information' tab on the website. I would like to emphasise that although horse riders are welcome to use the mown footpath through the meadow in dry weather, please would you refrain from using it in wet weather as the surface gets cut up and becomes dangerous to pedestrians. Please keep off the flowering (meadow) area at all times.

The Parish Clerk has taxi vouchers which are available to all villagers.

Paula Marsh - July 2006