

Report of the Outwood Parish Council Meeting ~ September 2006

Our County and District Councillors briefed the meeting. Following the Government's move to 'de-criminalise' parking offences all local authorities are responsible for their parking restrictions and enforcement. TDC in common with many others has employed an agency to enforce parking rules. The Surrey/Sussex police merger is now 'on hold' following the change of Home Secretaries. The new Surrey NHS Primary Care Trust comes into operation on 1st October but is not yet fully staffed. Thus the old health PCTs will effectively continue to operate until the next financial year. The money raised from fines to airlines for noise violations at Gatwick (and other airports) goes to the local community. Last year Gatwick Community Trust distributed approximately £100,000.

Parish Councillors reported on their areas of responsibility. Dayseys Hill signs will have an additional board stating 'Protected Verge'. Litter picking will be as follows: 2nd October Brickfield Road, Prince of Wales Road, Green Lane, Dayseys Hill; 9th October Scotts Hill, Wasp Green Lane, Little Collins, Millers Lane; 16th October Outwood Lane, Rookery Hill. In future all Planning Applications and the consequential decisions will be published both on the PC Notice boards and also on the Outwood website. The Lloyd Hall finances had improved and the booking situation had improved somewhat.

The owners of Redhill Aerodrome have proposed six options for further development of the site of which only two were likely: refurbishment of the aerodrome and the attached office buildings (possibly with a small hard runway/starter strip) or development of a new self contained housing settlement (and probable cessation of flying activities). The owners appear very keen on the settlement option which might be similar to 'Poundbury', the development in Dorset favoured by Prince Charles. They are proposing a consultation process 'Inquiry by Design' employing the Prince's Trust as facilitators. The Redhill Aerodrome Consultative Committee can only discuss flying related matters so consultation on any other option would need to be conducted with a new committee with local parish council members. Our local councillors explained the planning implications of the proposals.

Progress on developing facilities for Youth Activities continues. Useful discussions have been held with the National Trust on using part of the field next to the Lloyd Hall for a hard standing area. The Outwood Youth club already has 17 signed up members and meetings will be in the Lloyd Hall on Thursday evenings starting in November. Because of a clash with Parish Council meetings, the Youth Club will have an outing on every third Thursday of the month. The Parish Council has undertaken to provide financial support with the start up costs and other finance is possible from County and District sources.

There have been complaints about annoying bonfires in the village throughout the summer months. The Parish Council would remind everyone that, although bonfires may be satisfying they can also upset your neighbours. Some thought about the wind direction and timing when starting one would be neighbourly.

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