

Our Police Community Support Officers

We finally have both of our Parish PCSOs on duty and you will see Nicki Angell and Lindsey Catlin around the area patrolling the village and the Common. They will have the power to issue fixed penalty notices for such things as infringement of the local Bye Laws, dog fouling, graffiti, fly posting, etc. and to deal with such matters as the confiscation of alcohol from any person in a designated place through to the removal of abandoned vehicles, dispersion of groups and removal of persons under 16 under Section 30 of

the Anti Social Behaviour Act. They will be in touch with the regular Police and will be able to summon assistance if and when required. A full list of their terms of reference can be obtained from the Parish Office.

We welcome them to the Parish and believe that their presence will add to the general feeling of security in the area. Their pattern of shifts will mean that you will see them around at varied times, not just during business hours. They will be making themselves known to residents as they conduct their patrols. Do stop and have a chat with them and get to know them.



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News & views from Chorleywood Parish Council

Council Changes

This year's Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the evening of the 8th of May. The Council recorded its sincere thanks to Cllr. Maximin Green, the retiring Chairman, for all his hard work on behalf of the Parish over the past year. The Chair has now passed to Cllr. Rodney Kipps and Cllr. Mrs. Marilyn Hampton has been elected as Vice Chairman. The membership of the Council's committees is now as follows:

Planning: Cllr. Mrs. Worrall (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. Caplin (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Booth, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Kemp, Cllr. Stibbs and Cllr. Watkins.

Open Spaces: Cllr. Mrs. Jarrett (Chairman), Cllr. Watkins (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Barton, Cllr. Dr. Eve, Cllr. Mrs. Green, Cllr. Liley and Cllr. Worrall.

Village Halls: Cllr. Dr. Morris (Chairman), Cllr. Booth (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. Caplin, Cllr. Mrs. Green, Cllr. Mrs. Mytom Hart, Cllr. Mrs. Smith and Cllr. Mrs. Stibbs.



Policy and Resources: The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the committees plus the outgoing Chairman of the Council.

The Council also appoints representatives to many outside bodies, including the Herts. Association of Town and Parish Councils, the Joint Parish Councils in TRDC, The Chiltern Open Air Museum, the TRDC Environment Forum, Chorleywood Youth Club, the Chorleywood Youth Football Club, the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Twinning Association.

The Council's Annual Report, detailing all the Council's work over the past year can be found in Chorleywood Library or obtained from the Parish Office. If you want to know what we do on the Parish Council, please take the time to have a look at this informative document.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! VILLAGE DAY

SATURDAY 14 JULY
12 NOON - 4PM



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Meet the Cattle Day

It has been about fifty years since anyone heard cattle lowing on the Chorleywood Common, but on April 14th they were back and in good voice. The superb weather brought hundreds of people up to the Common to see the Longhorn cows and their calves. The Parish Council, the Countryside Management Service, the Chilterns Commons Network and the Friends of Chorleywood Common were all on hand to explain the reasoning behind the proposal to return grazing to the Common and to answer questions and listen to people's concerns. The responses to the Council's questionnaire were very positive. Some valid difficulties have been highlighted and the Council is working on solving these problems.

One concern we can answer straight away. A number of people were worried about who would milk the cows. The answer is – no-one. Longhorns are beef cattle not dairy cows. They only produce milk to feed their calves. They won't need milking.

We hope to have the cattle back again on Village Day so, if you missed them in April, come and make their acquaintance on July 14th.

Cricket Problems

The Council's plans to bund the edge of the Common along the A404 opposite the cricket field hit a stumbling block. In spite of a survey commissioned by the Cricket Club having revealed no services in the area to be covered by the bund, the contractor's detectors revealed the presence of drains and electricity and telephone cables just where the supports were to be driven in.

As the larch panels had been cut specially for the job and would have to be paid for, the Parish Council have gained temporary planning permission to attach them to the existing roadside posts for the season. The Club are keeping a detailed record of balls going to this boundary and report that the boarding is stopping a considerable proportion of the balls that would normally have gone into the road.

In the meantime the Council will continue to discuss possible further measures with the Cricket Club.

PLANNING UPS AND DOWNS

Although planning approval had been given to change the bungalow at 4, Berks Hill into a house, a revised application for the site followed. This was for a large block of flats to which we strongly objected. This was refused by TRDC.

There followed an application for a building designed to look like a house but which would in fact be four flats.

We maintained our objection to this latest proposal on the grounds that it would set a precedent for flats to be built in this Conservation Area and that the ridge height would be over-dominant and out of keeping with the area. We were also against the changes to the boundary wall and hedge to allow extra parking spaces and the inevitable loss of trees and green space.

However, even though TRDC supported all our objections, we have received notification that this proposal has been approved, on appeal, by government inspectors.

We also recently received an application for the demolition of Charleswood Garage and its replacement with a four-storey building comprising 4 two bed flats and 1 one bed flat. Our concerns over this proposal were supported by TRDC, who refused the application on the grounds that the building would be over prominent and that insufficient parking on the site would lead to increased street parking.

We win some and lose some, but the Planning Committee are not daunted by these occasional set backs and are pleased to report that our objections are, for the most part, supported by TRDC's ultimate decisions

A Move for Village Day

This year the Council has undertaken to do a "cut and lift" (i.e. cut the grass, clear the underhatch and take it all away) of the acid grass on the Common Road side of the Common. This needs to be done in late summer and to be effective the grass should not be cut beforehand. This means that we cannot cut the grass in this area for Village Day.

We have therefore decided that for this year Village Day will be sited in the first fire ride, where we held Meet the Cattle Day in April, which does have the advantage of more accessible parking and more shelter from whatever the weather may throw at us.

We hope that both stallholders and members of the public will not find this temporary change of venue too inconvenient for this year. Should you like further information or wish to book a stall, please contact the parish office.

Revamp for the Council's Website

Those of you who have logged on to the Council's website recently will have been disappointed to find it contained so much out of date material. Fear not! We are in the process of re-vamping the site. Changes in legislation regarding freedom of information and the emphasis on involving the community in local decisions, as well as advances in technology, have driven the need to make very necessary improvements.

As well as an illustrated description and history of Chorleywood, the site will contain all the information you should need to contact the officers and your councillors; details of the services offered by the Parish Council; access to the Minutes of the various Committees; News, Events and the Diary of Meetings.

We hope to make the website easy to navigate and attractive to look at and will keep you updated on its progress in the next issue of Chorleywood Matters.

A Senior Moment

Our Senior Ranger, Peter Monahan, recently celebrated his 60th birthday, appropriately enough on April 1st. He was supported throughout the traumatic build-up to this momentous event by the "sensitive and sympathetic!?! " attitude of his colleagues, the office staff and members of the Council, and the occasion was marked by cards and presents and a party at the Parish Office. He is bearing up well in the circumstances and we wish him all the best for the next decade.



JUST A REMINDER

There is still time to enter the Photographic Competition run by the Parish Council. The competition is entitled My Chorleywood and the best entries will be displayed at this year's Village Day. Photo's will be accepted via email

or post. Application forms can be obtained from the Council offices or by phoning 01923 285594, email info@chorleywood-pc.gov.uk. There are two age groups one for the 18's and under and the other for the over 19's. There will also be a prize of a £50.00 voucher for the lucky winner of each category.