

TANGMERE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2010

Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Annual Report for the Council. The past year has been a busy one for the Parish Council, with many projects suggested, pursued and completed.

Pride in Tangmere: This forum has helped connect with the aspirations and hopes of residents, and drives forward many new ideas.

Spitfire Court: With support from many agencies, and much effort from Jayne Sansby Chair of CAP, this project has now been completed. What was a rubbish strewn and vandalised corner of the village now is a focal point for people arriving in the village, and was recently featured in the Chichester Observer.

Community Garden: From a previously under used and bramble covered field now sprouts the shoots of true community involvement. 30 members work regularly on this garden, learning skills and sharing knowledge. This project has caught the spirit of residents like no other we have embarked upon. In late April 35 people sat down to a community feast on the site, the first outdoor bring and share event for the group.

Medical Centre: This superb facility is now up and running, offering local services for local residents both current and future.

Multi Use Games Area: Approval was gained for the provision of a Multi Use Games Area on the recreation field. Much fund raising still remains, but we are confident that this will provide excellent facilities for the youths of the village in their community.

Local Development Framework: the Parish Council continues to defend the village from unwanted housing development. A major funding commitment has been budgeted to seek the professional assistance needed to press our case. This Council is not prepared to see the majority of the District's housing obligations being dumped in Tangmere, as has so often happened in the past.

Flooding and Drainage: Despite having a thorough clean out of the surface drainage system in the Autumn, flooding during heavy rain continues to plague us. Foul water continues to emerge at points in the village when the system is overloaded. We have not succeeded on this yet, but continue to insist on an adequate system to meet the needs of the current population of the village.

Broadband: It is unsatisfactory that our village has to put up with download speeds that cannot support the minimum requirements of residents. We will do our uppermost to deliver an adequate service before 2012.

Housing: Whilst we support new developments on Brownfield land previously identified, we remain committed in demanding the very highest standards from building companies that wish to operate in our village.

Perrymead: Remains the blot on the landscape in the centre of our community. However, we are not prepared to be forced by inaction by the owners into supporting overdevelopment in the heart of our Conservation Area.

Village Fête: 2007 saw the return of a favourite village event that has grown year by year into a really successful community event. 2010 sees an action packed event with funds raised for local youth groups, the local School as well as helping to fund "Help for Heroes"

Your Parish Council is committed to providing continued excellence both in its listening skills and its actions. The Council commends the Parish Clerk for completing her Certificate in Local Council Administration qualification, and looks forward to gaining Quality Parish Status in due course.

Parish Council membership

During the year Helen Punnett, George Barlow, Stuart Robinson and Jayne Sansby resigned from the council. The Council would like to thank all four Councillors for volunteering their time and energy. As a result there are now three vacancies on the Council and the Parish Council is hoping to co-opt two residents in the near future. Anyone interested in becoming a councillor please contact the Clerk.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Roy Anscombe took over the chair of the Environment Committee in September 2009.

The timetable and outcome of the Local Development Framework may be affected by the change of government. The Parish Council has set up a working party to respond to the LDF consultations. The safety of the Crockerhill junction has been raised with Arun District Council and options are being considered by the Highways Planning Team. Plans to replace the worn wooden adventure trail with newer equipment for toddlers have been delayed due to an unsuccessful CDC grant application – other funding is being sought. Other projects being progressed by the Environment Committee are a pelican crossing at the junction of Tangmere Road with Malcolm Road and traffic calming within the village.

Planning Applications

A total of 30 applications were scrutinised and commented on during the year by the Parish Council. Members of the Committee attended a seminar on the Planning System and Local Development Frameworks given by a Community Planner from Planning Aid South East.

VILLAGE CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT

Roger Birkett has chaired the Village Centre Committee for the last three years.

The Village Centre Committee can record another successful year. While endeavouring to work in partnership with the various User Groups we have decided to leave the letting charges unchanged for 2010-11. The Cycle Stand and Shelter are now finished and the Stage Track and Curtains are fully operational. The Children's Small Toilet has been refurbished, our CCTV system upgraded and new crockery purchased for the various functions held at the Village Centre. Car Park maintenance is ongoing as is the Drainage Project on the north side of the VC. The Parish Council is currently paying the Centre's annual insurance premium. The Village Centre Committee has agreed to fund 50% towards the cost for 2010-11, reviewable annually.

Finally, a special thank you to Julia our Manager for the sterling work she puts in throughout the year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2009/2010 the Finance Committee was been chaired by Brian Wood.

Membership of the Finance Committee consists of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council, Chairs of both Environment and Village Centre committees. Therefore half the Council sits on this committee that scrutinises the activity of the Council, approves expenditure, and recommends the Precept budget to the full Parish Council. The 2009/2010 Council's Precept was £49,000 as against the 2008/2009 precept of £46,500. This increase was to incorporate a maintenance budget of £2,000 for the Memorial Woodland and to promote Parish Council initiatives through the Tangmere Action Group.

Movements on the Capital Expenditure and Reserves during the financial year were as follows:

Description	Opening Balance 01/04/2009	Payments as at 31/03/10	Receipts as at 31/03/10	Closing Balance at 31/03/10
Capital Reserves				
General Reserves	18,638.40	7,122.52	85.00	11,600.88
Earmarked Reserves				
Bus Shelters	10,399.57	134.91		10,264.66
Space Net	316.00			316.00
Play Equipment	5,000.00			5,000.00
BOB: Big Lottery Fund	112.21			112.21
Spitfire Court	2,537.78	4,380.00	1,865.00	22.78
Spitfire Court Path Re-grade	0.00	7,430.90	5,200.00	-2,230.90
Allotments (inc water)	476.57	735.47	1,151.09	892.19
Curtain Track & curtains	1,710.00	2,677.18		-967.18
Asset Replacement Reserves				
Tennis Courts	1,395.33			1,395.33
Village Centre Drainage	6,803.27	62.50		6,740.77
TOTAL	47,389.13	22,543.48	8,301.09	33,146.74

Section 137 Payments: the limit for spending under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, for this Council in the year to 31 March 2010 was £11,801.85 based on a registered electorate of 1,919. No payments were made under this legislation.

Grants:

St Andrews Church: £500 for the upkeep of the churchyard.

Tangmere Village Day 2009: £500 towards expenses incurred.

Chichester Community Transport's Dial-a-Ride: £509.

Twinning Association: £300 to offset the costs of hosting its guests from Hermonville-sur-Mer.

Tangmere Cricket Club: £80 towards the cost of a practice cradle net.

Tangmere Singers: £50

Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice Bureau: £50

Sussex Playing Fields Association: £15 donation.

Section 106 Monies: the Council used £1,665 of S106 monies arising from the development of the former Fire Depot to purchase the metal fencing for the Spitfire Court project.

Allowances for Councillors: following a decision in 2008, no allowances were paid to Councillors. Expenses for Councillors consisted of minor reimbursements covering stationery.

Allowances for Employees: there was an allowance paid to the Clerk for using her own home for the Parish office of £200 in 2009-10. Expenses reimbursed to the Clerk consisted of items purchased on behalf of the Parish Council.

LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO.....

John and Betty Rudkin (Newsletter Editors) and all those who deliver the Newsletter in rain or shine, Dave Strotton (Allotment Steward), John Rudkin (with his Litter Warden hat on), all members of TAG, the Community Wardens, Police Community Support Officers, PC Stanley and all residents who contribute in any way to make Tangmere a better place to live in.



Andrew Irwin
Chairman

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