

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Chair of Environment Committee Annual Report 2007-08

Achievements in the past year include the construction of the footbridge by the Highways Agency, over the A27 - a major priority of the PC Action Plan. Also the successful introduction of the Litter Warden Service, with financial help from a number of organisations. Thanks to John Rudkin, Litter Warden, for all his hard work (and Betty too!). Major consultations with residents took place at the Village Centre, to inform and obtain views on both the Memorial Woodland project and the grain stores planning application. The collapse of the CDC attempt to get approval for its LDF Core Strategy, has left a strategic planning vacuum. This exposes Parish Councils generally to attempts by developers to get planning permission to develop major sites on a piecemeal basis. The Fire Depot development and the plan for the grain stores are two such examples in Tangmere, which have caused great concern to the Environment Committee.

Perrymead is still an eyesore in the centre of the village. CDC has promised action to force the owner to at least tidy up and carry out repairs. The Environment Committee has opposed a number of garden infill planning applications, especially in the conservation area, which was reviewed and enlarged by the District Council. It also took up residents' complaints about the smoking shelter at the rear of the Bader Arms, and objected successfully to a retrospective planning application.

During the year nearly £20,000 of grants were obtained by Paul Neary, on behalf of the Parish Council, to create and plant a Battle of Britain Memorial Woodland, on Parish Council land adjacent to the allotments. Work will be completed this summer.

Village Centre Report - 2007- 08

1. Car Park resurfaced - Bollards installed.
- 2.WSCC prepared to supply free Bicycle Stands.
- 3.Gravel to be spread in pot holes on rest of car park.
- 4.Hearing Loop installed in Main Hall on March 4. 2008.
5. Appointment of Tom Cline as small works contractor on a job-by-job basis.
- 6.Football Wall agreed. Exact location to be agreed, adjacent to tennis courts favoured.
- 7.Tangmere School has welcomed the opportunity to accommodate and display items from the Twinning Association in a cabinet.
- 8.Installation of a Wi-Fi facility agreed in principle, grant funding being sought.
- 9.Textile Recycling Bank agreed.
- 10.Risk Assessment - Review and Update.
- 11.Bank Balances as at - 8/4/08
 - Current Account - £541-32
 - Deposit Account - £9007-82