



29th MAY 2005

JOIN YOUR
PARISH COUNCILLORS
TO CELEBRATE
COLNBROOK PARISH COUNCIL'S
10TH ANNIVERSARY



Back Row: Left to Right
Derek Thomas, Ray Angell, Barbara Underhill, Harry Ghorta, David MacDougald

Front Row: Left to Right
Victor Gray, "K" Laxman, Peter Hood, Peter Maddison,
Laurie Tucker (Chairman), Roland Hewson (Clerk and Finance Officer).

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COLNBROOK WITH POYLE
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER
CHRISTMAS 2004



Welcome to the CHRISTMAS edition of
The Parish Council NewsLetter.

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WELCOME to the latest edition of The Parish Council Newsletter.
Your Parish Councillors have been very active in the village since our
last report. Individual reports will appear later in this edition.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the christmas 2004 edition of The Parish Council
Newsletter your parish councillors are listed on the page opposite.

Peter Maddison councillor of westfield has resigned from the council
having retired from British Airways and moving to Spain "Lucky
Devil". The parish thanks Peter for his contribution to the council
having been Chairman of the Services Committee for two years we
wish him and his wife well in there retirement. The council would
welcome nominations to replace Peter. The full council meets every
second Tuesday of the month except August and December,
nominations can be made by contacting Roland Hewson, Clerk on
01707 267 958 or the Chairman Laurie Tucker on 01753 683 386.

Your councillors take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and
peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2005. The Parish Council will
continue there best endeavours in bringing about improvements
within our Parish.

Laruie Tucker

THE COLNBROOK CALENDAR

The Colnbrook Calendar is still available from Colnbrook
Pharmacy, The Village Post Office and Parish Councillors. It is
excellent value at £2 each or 2 for £3. The Calendar Depicts
pictures of Colnbrook "then and now",
get yours before they sell out!!

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

May 2005 is the tenth year since the formation of The Parish Council. To celebrate this event a number of events are being organised during the bank holiday weekend at the end of May. Various events will take place in the Village Hall and car park next to the Village Hall, it is hoped to have a party and disco for the kids of the village. Another plan is to give each child in both schools a mug to mark the event.

Over the weekend plans are afoot to officially open the "Crown Meadow Project" we hope the Mayor of Slough will do the honours. Look out for information nearer the event.

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Environmental sub-committee meets on a regular basis approximately once a month and is currently active on the following issues.

Parish Plans

The Parish Council asked the Environment Sub-committee to set the wheels in motion to create a long term Parish Plan. To this end we have produced an all encompassing questionnaire that whilst it will be several pages long, your help in filling out the form will be absolutely essential to enable us to produce a plan that you the parishioners will benefit from. We are hoping to get the questionnaire printed and delivered through all the doors in the Parish in the New Year.

Open Spaces

The open space opposite the Crown Public House has been receiving its makeover and will shortly be finished for everyone to enjoy.

Colnbrook Recreation Park

The Refurbishment of the football field fencing is now complete and incorporates the following amendments to its make up. An additional gate has been installed on the south side fencing run to enable easy access into and out of the playing pitch from this side. 75mm angle iron has been installed to the top Arris rail to reinforce that section which appeared to be the weakest part of the fence. New steel access gates have been installed with power closers to keep out dogs and other larger animals. The fencing on the mound has been moved to be closer to the seating area to enable more use of the mound for running up and down and for bicycles to be able to run up and over to create more fun for the youngsters.

Additional notices will be erected to encourage people to use the dog litterbins and keep the play areas clean.

Further works to repair the play equipment in the small children's sections is also planned for the near future. A contract has been issued for the internal sections of the railings that abound the play areas for re-painting in the spring of 2005.

Also planned for the spring are new picnic tables to replace the vandalised ones. The new ones will be concrete and bedded into the ground on a re-inforced concrete base.

Pippins Park Raymond Close Poyle

Thames Water is due to commence work on the repairs and renewal of pipes that run through the park and this will enable our youngsters to again safely use the park. The project is now larger than first envisaged and is also taking in the surrounding roads on the Poyle Estate.

Calor Berkshire Village of the Year Competition

We can report that we came sixth in the competition this year of all the villages in Berkshire. A little disappointing as we were runners up last year and we were keen to improve on that performance. However, competition is very stiff and we are pleased to be mentioned in dispatches.

10 Year Parish Council Celebrations

A working party has been put into to place and will co-ordinate the 10th anniversary year of the Parish Council. The date that has been reserved for this event is the 29th May 2005. We are currently fund raising for this event to ensure that it will go ahead as planned.

If you know of any local firms that may like to sponsor the event in exchange for advertising please let a member of the council know and we will contact them.

Many events are planned with children's parties, bouncy castles, barbecue, live entertainment and the Star FM road show.

We will keep you updated regularly via these newsletters, notice boards, the Forum and the web page.

Web Page

For all the latest news, minutes of the meetings and activities please login to our page at www.colnbrookwithpoyleparishcouncil.org.uk

The site is updated at least once a month so all the news is current.

Ray Angell
Environment Sub-committee

COLNBROOK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Colnbrook Community Partnership was formed some years ago. The group meet regularly to discuss and take forward ideas to bring about improvements to the parish. One idea proposed by the Partnership member Dave Coe was to turn the waste grounds opposite the Crown Public House on London Road to make this into an environment area for members of the community to be able to walk and enjoy the environment. This project has been taken forward with the help of grants from Open Space and Others. We thank Slough Borough Council, Groundwork Thames Valley and others for undertaking the work. It is planned to have the official opening in May 2005, Pease use and enjoy the area it is for the benefit of you all.

The community Partnership has many members, Slough Borough Council, Groundwork Thames Valley, parish Council, local company's and residents. we are looking for more residents to join. The Partnership meets about six times a year at the Westfield Community Hall off Sutton Lane.

Year five pupils of Colnbrook CE Primary School will be using the Crown Meadow Environment Area for Environment and Wildlife Study. The children will be responsible for keeping the notice board (when installed) up to date monthly with drawings and notes of there study.

STATEMENT FROM GRUNDON WASTE MANAGEMENT

FAO: Peter Maddison.

I am pleased to announce that the Materials Recovery Facility recently built at Tanhouse Farm is operating very successfully and we are currently recovering in excess of 150 tonnes a day of recyclable material. This material is taken from site to reprocessors at various locations around the country and used to produce recycled goods.

We are currently recycling steel cans, aluminium cans, paper, glass, cardboard and plastics. Steel cans are de-tinned and then taken for reprocessing at steel works aluminium ones is melted down and reused. The plastics are segregated into HDPE such as milk bottles and similar opaque plastics and PET bottles, which are normally the fizzy drinks bottles. (A small tip — if you remove the plastic lids from the bottles they are easier to crush). The remaining plastics are reprocessed as underground pipes. Cardboard and paper can be recovered as a substitutes for paper pulp. The glass is being used for secondary aggregate reducing the need on virgin material.

The Energy from Waste project is still progressing and we hope to make a start on site early in the New Year. As you are all aware Phase One of the project was the relocation of our existing operations to Tanhouse Farm, Phase Two is the construction of the new Clinical plant and Phase Three, which will start in 2005 is the Energy from Waste plant. Despite many letters and articles in the local press the site has the benefit of an Integrated Pollution Prevention Control Permit (IPPC) issued by the Environment Agency, who are satisfied that our operations will meet all the European and British standards for such plants and do not pose a risk to human health or the environment. We will keep the Parish Council informed of any changes to program as they occur.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Services Committee usually meets two weeks after the monthly full Parish Council meeting to discuss and manage any contracts and services contracted to the Parish Council. Its remit is broad and includes the vetting of plans and recommendation of appropriate action to the full Council and SBC.

A separate Environmental Sub-committee was set up some time ago to oversee and challenge progress (or lack of it) on reviewing the flood defences for the area. This has led to several productive meetings with residents, Slough Borough Council, Thames Water and the Environment Agency. This has resulted in bringing forward both new drainage relief schemes and previously deferred waterways maintenance for the Colnbrook area.

A report of the good works done by the Environment Sub Committee is included elsewhere by its Chairman – Cllr. Ray Angell

The Services Committee continues to liaise with the two local companies that are perceived by some to have the greatest effect on the local environment namely, Biffa Waste Services Ltd. and Grundon Waste Ltd.

Biffa took over the waste disposal landfill site in Sutton Lane from RMC about 18 months ago and have reorganised and upgraded the 18 disposal cells by deepening the cells, to allow additional waste to be deposited, and have prevented gas leakage by increasing the clay cap thickness as the cells are filled.

As the waste decomposes landfill gas is generated and Biffa have commenced work on a sophisticated gas collection system involving at least 26 gas collection wells drilled into the full and capped cells that will enable silent power generation early in 2005. In the mean time (until the gas flows are established and consistent at over 1000 cubic meters per hour) the gas is piped to a high temperature flair stack for safe and odour free disposal by burning. It is planned to initially generate about 1 megawatt of power rising to 2 megawatts – enough for 4800 homes – and for this power to be exported to the National Grid for onward distribution.

The site has many other surprises, one of which is the employment of a resident falconer, to manage 4 falcons. His job is to ensure that potential scavenging birds are deterred from the site additionally helping to prevent any flocking bird nuisance which could affect Heathrow Airport with resultant disastrous consequences.

As you are aware Grundon's proposals to replace an existing incinerator and build an additional incinerator on their Waterside Estate site has resulted in protest by an environmental lobby which may, or may not, have the correct facts relating to the site and the potential emissions from any new incinerator that may be built there.

The Parish Council is on record as supporting the scheme providing all current and known proposed legislation is complied with in respect to monitoring and the automatic shutdown of the plant in the event of any failure to comply with the stringent particulate and fume exhaust from the incinerator.

The new clinical waste and replacement energy from waste plants are due to commence construction in 2005. They will be constructed and operated under the auspices of an Integrated Pollution Prevention Control Permit (IPPC) issued by the Environment Agency that requires the Grundon operation to meet or exceed the British and European standards for such plants.

The case has been reviewed by the Department of the Environment following approval by Slough Borough Council some years ago. The new buildings also assist in meeting the Government's aspirations to limit the amount of untreated waste going to landfill sites.

Some factions of the local community have indicated that they will attempt to stop the incinerator project with a view to having Slough Council renege on its permission to build it.

Meanwhile, the newly commissioned materials recovery facility (MRF) on the Tanhouse farm site is operating very successfully and recovering an excess of 150 tonnes per day of recyclable material. This recyclable material goes on to be reused in the manufacture of goods such as plastic drain pipes, steel and aluminium products thus saving the use of prime raw materials.

On a sad note, this will be my final contribution on the Services Committee and the end of about five years service on the Parish Council as I am retiring from BAA and relocating to the sun!

I wish the other members of the Council and the Parish Clerk well in their continued endeavours to support and enhance the lives and local facilities for the people of the Colnbrook, Brandshill and Poyle and would remind you they are always on the look out for new Council members to assist in running Parish affairs.

Peter Maddison
Chair – Services Committee

20.11.04

PIPPINS PARK, RAYMOND CLOSE

Thames Water have stated the work to replace the sewage pipe which as you will recall keeps breaking is now expected to start in January 2005 until, May 2005. This unfortunately means the park will have to be closed during this time. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause residents or park users during this time. Through the Colnbrook Community Partnership plans are under way to improve the amenities in the park when the work is complete.

ROAD AND VILLAGE SIGNS

Plans are well under way to improve both some road and village signs within the Parish. Look out for the new signage in 2005.

BEAT OFFICER



WPC 4954 Tara Flockhart has been appointed as our beat officer. You can contact her on:

Tel:
0845 850 5505

BERKSHIRE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Colnbrook Village entered into this competition during 2004, whilst we did not on this occasion enter the winners enclosure, the Village received very favourable comments from the panel of judges, see extract of report from their visit. We intend to enter the competition in 2005.

Calor Village of the Year

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Calor Berkshire Village of the Year Competition 2004

What the Judges said about Colnbrook

We were met by the PC Chairmen Laurie Tucker and Peter Madison in local hostelry.

To many, I'm sure the prospect of finding an attractive village adjacent to the A4, under the flightpath of Heathrow, within a mile or so of Slough would be an impossibility, but in reality Colnbrook is such a village and its High Street a conservation area.

Villagers strive to take full advantage of the assets and opportunities the area has,

Most impressive are the environmental projects we saw – one in Crown Meadow, which involves juxtaposing the conservation of wildlife habitats with a running track around a large field. The other is the restoration by volunteers of a Victorian garden at the back of the parish church – it is a haven of peace – notwithstanding the 747's overhead!!!

Care is taken that all ages are included in community activities. There is an annual Apple Fair – trading on the areas connection with the development of the Coxes Orange Pippin and a Summer Fete. Connections with business ensure beautiful hanging baskets decorate the village streets and sponsorship for the Colnbrook guide – a useful booklet given to all parishioners. Plans are afoot to restore an old milestone in the High Street

Finally, impressed by the condition of the recreation area opposite Crown Meadow and the fore sight to remove the hedge screening it from the main road that has resulted in a significant decline in vandalism.

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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

For the past few years GrangeUk have held a competition for under 11's to design their next years Christmas Card and this year it is your turn. Use the blank page opposite to create your masterpiece using as many colours as you like, then ask an adult to cut down the dotted line and post it back to us.

There will be prizes for the three winning pictures. 1st place will also have their Christmas card printed and sent to them so they can send them to their friends.



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