



Bray Parish Council

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2006

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The number of Councillors per ward is representative of head of population on the electoral roll for each area.

What is CPRE?

The Council for the Protection of Rural England. There is a local branch who are looking for help protecting our countryside.

If you would like more information please contact Helen Phillips on 01628 788790 or visit www.cpre.org.uk

Visit our Website at:
www.brayparishvillages.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

We plan to produce a Newsletter delivered, with the help of volunteers, to all households in the Parish and we are aiming to make this a regular feature.

We instigated a regular evening Police surgery to use the shared area adjacent to the Parish Office. This is now up and running on a monthly basis and I would urge residents to use this facility to discuss matters of crime with our local beat officers, on a face to face basis. Dates (overleaf) are also advertised in the local press, on our website and public notice boards. If the facility is not used it will be lost.

The Parish uses your money to maintain our numerous open spaces, some street lighting, play equipment, allotments etc. as well as carry out its statutory duties. The Council made grants, under Section 137 (which directly benefits the area and its inhabitants), in the last financial year to Maidenhead & Bray Sports Club £750, Braywood Memorial Hall £750, Berkshire Blind £240, Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal) £200 and Horse Rangers £1500. Please see the chart overleaf detailing our spending for the last

and current year.

Our Parish Cemetery opened 104 years ago and we receive many favourable comments on its tidiness along with the churchyard at St Michael's Bray, the maintenance for which we are also responsible.

Walking is good for us and we are blessed with some very pleasant Rights of Way within the Parish totaling nearly 30 miles. Please make use of them and let the Clerk know if you meet with any that do not allow free passage.

In partnership with the Royal Borough's Parish Paths Initiative a 'Walk to a Healthy Future' descriptive map of a 1.7 mile circular walk around Holyport is available from the Holyport Post Office, the Mobile Library or the Parish Office.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in helping to deliver the Parish Newsletter and we would like to extend our thanks to all volunteers currently helping.

Geoff Hayes
Chairman

THE ROLE OF PLANNING WITHIN BRAY PARISH

The Borough Council has a statutory obligation to consult with a number of organisations including the Parish on all plans submitted and they are very appreciative of the local knowledge which we input into the process. The Parish treats this obligation very seriously as, whilst we wish to support all plans, we need to protect both the Green Belt and the two Conservation areas within the Parish. The Parish review a very large number of applications every year and every member of the Council is a member of the Planning Committee which meets formally

every 4 weeks. Every month, 3 Councillors are allocated the plans received for their Wards. They will try to visit every site and where possible speak to both the applicant and the neighbours affected. All those within the Green Belt, are presented at the Planning Meeting and Councillors make recommendations based on the relevant local planning rules.

Members of the public are always welcome at our meetings.

David Coppinger
Chair of Planning

CRIME REPORTING AND POLICE ENQUIRY CENTRE

We are pleased to note that much more reporting of crime has taken place since our last Newsletter – this is due in part to the activity of the Neighbourhood Watch team encouraging people to report all types of crime and anti-social behaviour - keep reporting! Remember that Reported Crime is the measurement that Thames Valley Police use to justify their resourcing demands from Central Government and therefore the more we report the more police resources we have in the area.

All other calls should be made as soon as possible on **0845 8 505 505**, asking for the “Windsor PEC” using that jargon will make you more easily understood! (It stands for the “Police Enquiry Centre”).

All suspicious incidents, cars and people should be reported to the PEC as soon as possible, provide as many details as possible, car registrations, descriptions of suspicious people. Policing these days is a very intelligence led business and the information you provide may not be used this week but could prove invaluable next!

In Holyport, the addition of Amy Shah, our Police Community Support Officer, has been very well received and her visibility assisting PC Pete John is welcomed by many residents. This feedback has been reiterated at the recent series of Police Surgeries held at the Parish Office.

We are the first Parish to have agreed with Thames Valley Police to use their new mobile CCTV system. The first location is likely to be Bray village car park. This system will also be placed at strategic locations around the Parish when the police have information about potential crime. In this way the whole Parish can benefit from the availability of such a system to manage crime reduction.

Not willing to talk to the Police?

CRIMESTOPPERS are completely independent. Call anonymously with information about crime and you could receive a reward.

CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

13– 19 YEARS OLD?

Looking for something fun to do in the Summer Holidays?

The mobile “Youth Bus” is visiting your area from 21–25 August 2006. It will be at the Holyport War Memorial Hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at the Braywood Memorial Hall, Fifield on Thursday 24th.

Come along at 10:00 a.m. and join in the fun. The bus will be there until 5:00 p.m. each day. Activities include a mobile skate park, sumo wrestling, sports, computer games and much more!

POLICE SURGERY DATES

Thursday 24th August Tuesday 24th October
Tuesday 19 September Tuesday 28th November

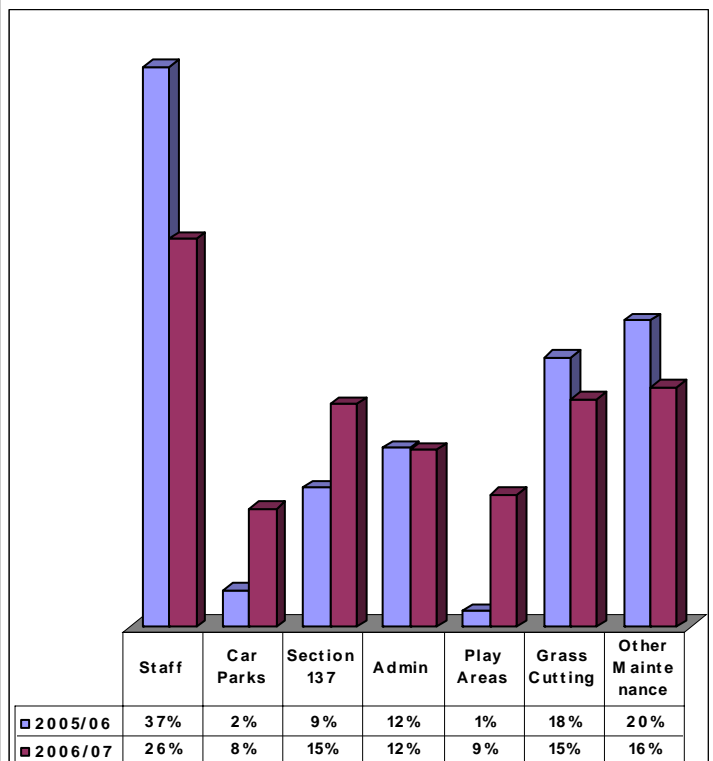
Times for all dates 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at The Parish Office to the rear of Holyport Memorial Hall.

CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS



The Parish Council has been updating the play areas it runs within the Parish, to include new facilities for the younger child. An upgrade is currently planned for our play area to the north of Springfield Park, Holyport to include new features for 3-12 yr olds. The other Parish play areas are Aysgarth Park, Holyport and Jubilee Field, Bray.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO!



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