



BROADMAYNE

P A R I S H C O U N C I L

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014–2015

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Meetings: The Parish Council normally meets on a Monday evening (generally the first Monday in the month) in the Methodist Church Hall, Main Street at 7.30 pm. Agendas and minutes are posted on the community website, www.broadmayne.org and on village notice boards. The public are always welcome to attend the Council meetings whether or not they have a specific issue to discuss. County Councillor Andy Canning and District Councillor Alan Thacker also usually attend the meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Monday May 11th

We urge you to come to this meeting which is your annual opportunity to catch up with and influence what is going on in the village. The agenda is part of this report.

Review of the year by Cllr. Steve Diamond - Chairman

Can it really be a year since my last review and four years since you elected us to look after the village at a local level?

This report will summarise what we have been up to on your behalf during the last year. I would like to start by thanking the councillors for their support throughout the year. The village is indebted to those who volunteer to give time to these roles which, though a mixture of achievement and frustration, are vital to the running of Broadmayne. The council also thanks: Dr Janet Davis the Parish Clerk, District Councillor Alan Thacker and County Councillor Andy Canning for their support throughout the year.

Parish Council meetings are necessarily focused, whereas; at the Annual Parish Meeting we consider wider aspects that impact on our way of life. I urge you to come to both. In particular, the Annual Parish Meeting gives you an opportunity to discuss whatever concerns, issues and ideas you have about life in Broadmayne.

Elections: We sadly say goodbye and many thanks to Clare Stoot and Ray Ferneyhough who haven't stood as candidates for re-election to the Parish Council this May. We wish them well as they take more time for other things in their lives. The remaining 5 councillors did stand for re-election but no other nominations were received. Since there are 7 seats on the council no election is necessary but more importantly it leaves you potentially under represented and 5 people potentially over stretched. We will be looking to fill the 2 remaining seats urgently by co-option, so if you or anyone you know thinks that they might be at all interested we would be very happy to talk to them about the role – please make contact with me or any other councillor.

We are indebted to Ray Ferneyhough for managing the preparation of **Broadmayne's Emergency Plan** but we are now looking for a volunteer to act in the, not too exacting (we hope!), role of Community Emergency Coordinator.

For the last several years, Bim Downes has been the Co-Ordinator for the **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers and we thank him for that. Bim has decided to relinquish the role and so we are looking for a volunteer for take his place.

I am pleased to be able to report that the three pronged **Hall and Playing Field Project**, which the Council is undertaking, is making steady, if rather slow, progress.

During the year we have achieved planning permissions for both the refurbishment of the **Playing Field Changing Rooms** and the revitalisation and extension of the **Village Hall**. We are currently preparing the seemingly vast amount of paperwork required to put both these projects out to tender. You can hear more at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Have you taken advantage of the **Fitness Equipment** installed around the Playing Field yet? As the weather picks up this is just the time to establish your own exercise routine or to meet up with a few friends and indulge in some fun and fitness time?

Bob Hatcher, his steering group and students from Bournemouth University have been working through your responses to the **Parish Plan** questionnaire and we look forward to an update at the Annual Parish Meeting and the subsequent publication of a new plan setting out the village's aspirations for the future of the community.

You will remember that the Council supported the establishment of a Community Group aimed at safeguarding the future of The **Black Dog** and the **Corner House Stores**. Since my last report we have seen the successful reopening of the pub and more recently the circulation of a questionnaire about your use of, and views about, the shop and post office. The well-used phrase "*use them or lose them*" applies to them both.

The Council was sorry to note the closure of **Lytchetts** residential home and is currently awaiting the outcome of a planning application for housing development on the site.

Behind the scenes. Amongst many other activities, the Council has continued to comment on Planning Applications, of which there were 23 in the course of the year (almost double the number for last year, including a mammoth 10 one month!). It has also responded to various other consultations. It also manages the village's allotments and keeps an eye on its footpaths. In addition, it has provided grant funding to Broadmayne Playing Fields Association to pay for its insurance and annual inspection of the play equipment, and to St. Martin's Parochial Church Council to help pay for works on the church-yard.

David Eaglestone and our **Speed Watch** volunteers have had a frustrating year. Starting well, with sessions recording the activities of motorists speeding through the village, but ending in bureaucratic muddles about the way that watches are set up and function. While these remain unresolved; the team has, unfortunately, had to suspend its activities.

A major success for the Council and the community was the outcome of an unprecedented number of objections raised to the application to establish a **waste lagoon on Chalky Road**. The plan was withdrawn.

An outline application for a development of 30 houses on land at **Broadmead** drew plenty of comment in the village and has been refused; largely because of the extra traffic which would use the "sub-standard" junction of Rectory Road and Main Street.

D-DAY CELEBRATIONS:

The village and many visitors turned out in large numbers and thoroughly enjoyed the various activities laid on to commemorate D-Day. Broadmayne was host to many American soldiers in the run up to the landings and Steve George and his team did their memory proud. Alongside the re-creation of an army camp and its activities Lucy Edwards and helpers put on a 40s style fete. Many people contributed to making the weekend a splendid village event and we thank them all.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING **7.30 PM MONDAY, 11 MAY 2015 at BROADMAYNE VILLAGE HALL**

- 1 Welcome from the Chairman of the Parish Council
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Monday 19 May 2014
- 4 Parish Council Chairman's introduction to the Annual Report
- 5 Reports:
 - (a) Broadmayne First School: Mrs Melanie Austin, Head Teacher
 - (b) County Council: Cllr Andy Canning
 - (c) District Council: Cllr Alan Thacker
 - (d) Police
- 6 Updates on Parish Council initiatives:
 - (a) The Village Hall and Playing Field project
 - (b) Revision of the Parish Plan
- 7 Broadmayne Community (Assets) Group: report on the shop and post office questionnaire
- 8 Open Forum

Finance The draft accounts for the financial year 2014–2015 form part of this report. They have yet to be submitted to the internal auditor and will be confirmed at the June meeting of the Parish Council. Included in the balances are the following reserves: £3,000 for asset maintenance, £100 for temporary staff cover, £75 in prize money, and £1000 in allotment deposits. Note that the Business Reward Saver (BRS) Account contains the money from the sale of 1 Crosstree Close and is set aside solely for the hall and playing field project.

For space reasons the breakdown of the expenditure on the hall and playing field project is not shown on this version of the accounts but they are as follows: Architects' fees = £13,027.08; Structural engineer = £1,646.76; Planning permission fee = £193.75 ; Changing rooms refurbishment = £1,889.04; Building Regulations = £259.20; CDM services = £714.00; Tree works = £486.00.

ACCOUNTS