

# **Chorleywood Parish Council: Full Council Meeting -**

**Notes by GH (in attendance as a member of the public)  
of matters relevant to Chorleywood Common\*  
raised at the meeting on 25 June 2013**

*[\*and some of general interest]*

**General.** Cllr Khiroya reported from the Chair that Andrew Goddard's baby arrived on Sunday 23 June; a boy William Roy, 7 lb 6 oz, all well.

The Meeting received the report of, among others, the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee on 21st May 2013.

The Council has arranged a training session on Neighbourhood Planning, to take place on Wednesday 3 July and has invited other parish councils and representatives of local organisations to attend; the Committee of the Friends of the Common hope to be represented.

**South Lodge.** The Meeting adopted the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee that the Clerk formally write to TRDC to open negotiations to purchase South Lodge, freehold, to include the land up to the tractor sheds and subject to a full explanation of any covenants or restrictions. (The position at present is that the Parish Council has a short lease from TRDC, the freeholder, at a peppercorn rent but no security of tenure; TRDC has indicated that it would be prepared to sell at a price which the Parish Council considers is favourable.)

**Police Community Support Officers.** The Meeting considered the revisions to the Neighbourhood Policing Structure which the Hertfordshire Constabulary has put in place with effect from 1 April. The Council expressed concern that although the Chorleywood PCSOs themselves still work out of Rickmansworth, their "line management" and Community Support Unit backup are now at Abbots Langley, which will increase the response time if they need to call for assistance; and their area of responsibility has been enlarged to include Cedars and Quickwood wards. It was decided to write to the police to request that someone should come to explain further the changes and the reasons for them.

**TRDC ward boundary revisions.** The Meeting discussed the revisions proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission to the arrangements for elections to the Three Rivers council: those proposals are now open for public consultation until 8 July. It is intended to reduce the Three Rivers Council from 48 members to 39, and suggested that they be elected from 13 wards, each returning three members. That would involve (put shortly) dividing Chorleywood along the line of the railway, and including Sarratt in a new ward "Chorleywood North and Sarratt" and Maple Cross / West Hyde in a new ward "Chorleywood South and Maple Cross". Cllr Mrs Worrall and others considered that this is unsuitable and does not properly reflect the identity of existing communities, (and I, as a resident and an elector, said much the same in the Public Forum,) and Cllr

Mrs Jarrett noted that Sarratt are strongly opposed to losing their identity in that way. However, there was no consensus in the meeting on what if anything the Parish Council should say about the proposals, and a resolution proposed from the Chair by Cllr Khiroya that Chorleywood should express support for the Boundary Commission proposals was defeated: three votes in favour, seven against and two abstentions. The upshot is that members of the Council who wish to do so will make their own representations to the Boundary Commission, as individuals and as electors but not as Parish Councillors.

*The Committee of the Friends of the Common strongly encourage members of the Friends to consider these proposals and to make their own representations, particularly if they conclude that what is being suggested is unsuitable. The consultation, as mentioned above, remains open until 8 July. Details of the proposals are on the Boundary Commission's website at –*

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/hertfordshire/three-rivers-fer>

*and the Chorleywood Residents Association are making information available and working on a response: see their website at*

<http://www.chorleywoodresidents.co.uk/news/chorleywood/reviewofthreeriverswardsorhowtosplitchorleywood>

*(copy and paste the whole of that address or go to their homepage and follow the link to the relevant article).*

**GH**