

**BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT, O.W.P.C. 26 NOVEMBER 2008,
submitted by Cllr. Malcolm Beer.**

This report covers period 12th to 26th November 2008.

During these two weeks one or both of Old Windsor's Borough Councillors have attended meetings with Rights of Way Officer, of Manor Lodge Liaison Group, the Standards (Code of Conduct) Board, Memorial Hall Half Yearly meeting, Crown Estate Presentation and Tour of Windsor Great Park, Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Panel, and Cabinet Prioritisation Sub Committee, and on the last day we will be attending Windsor Development Control Panel.

Despite suffering from a heavy cold and persistent cough, I have also spent a lot of time on follow up emails regarding detailed aspects of concerns re considerable additional bedroom accommodation at Hayley Conference Centre, relevance of latest EA Flood Risk Maps in planning matters, and (in my role as Chairman of the Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council) issues relating to the response to a Government Consultation on future airport operating procedures regarding noise management.

Various options for resolving the vandalised Parish Path fence problem were discussed at my site meeting with the Rights of Way Officer on the day of the last Parish Council meeting, and he will submit a report when the costs and other implications have been discussed with senior officers. In response to a complaint from an electric buggy user, we also looked at and discussed prioritisation of action to counter dangers presented by raised tree roots on the Thames path and also the very steeply ramped bridge just downstream of the lock.

I was involved in the Cabinet Sub Committee meeting in discussion on the Borough response to the latest airports consultation noted above, and another item listed small footpath related works which include some in Old Windsor in the very near future.

I was pleasantly surprised during a networking session on the Crown Estate visit with Crown and Borough Officers when the Head of Planning specifically congratulated me on my liaison with his officers (mainly through my back-up submissions seeking to avoid unexpected delegated planning decisions) and said he wished there was a similar link with some of the other Parishes.

I have been informed that the tree officers are taking action regarding unauthorised and excessive tree lopping on the boat basin end of The Manor grounds, also that an application in St Lukes Road which raised concerns relating to an external staircase has been withdrawn.

I am seeking action to resolve a 24/7 unsociable hours noise and pollution problem relating to a car breakdown recovery operation on the former Joinery Yard behind the shops on Straight Road.

Malcolm Beer, 25/11/08.

ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF PARISH COUNCIL.

I have noted my attendance at **Memorial Hall Half Yearly Meeting** in the Borough Report as I double up as a Borough as well as a Parish Councillor at that meeting. Once again the community is indebted to the leading Committee Members who put in a great deal of voluntary work to keep costs down and a healthy bank balance to meet any future maintenance and improvement projects.

Tony Troughton will probably detail last weeks **BALC (Berkshire Association of Local Councils) Executive meeting** which we both attended. There was some surprise that a

previously spoken of stack of boxes of BALC material still with the former service provider at Bucks County Council no longer existed, but at least that let me off the hook of collecting the stuff which I had taken to Aylesbury a few years ago!

It is appropriate that I should note that Tony has put in a great deal of work as Vice Chairman and one of three officers involved in sorting out the Memorandum of Agreement for the administrative service now being provided by the Community Council for Berkshire (CCB). It looks as if I will have to swot up on the revised Quality Council rules as I remain on the small panel which will have to scrutinise another Council's application for such status.

Malcolm Beer.