

C. Cllr Francis Oppler – Report for September Council Meeting

I have been involved in two main issues affecting Bersted residents during the past month.

The report on the future of 2-hour free parking was taken at the meeting of the Environment Committee at Arun on the 7th of September. The existing scheme finishes at the end of the year. The report recommended replacing the popular disc scheme with an App-only system. I have actively lobbied councillors and officers for the existing scheme to continue. I also spoke to the committee.

I am pleased to say that the leader of the council moved an amendment which means the disc scheme will continue for another two years, and a working party made up of district and town councillors together with the Bognor Regis BID will meet to look at options for the longer term.

The issues connected with the land at the back of Heath Place have been going on for some time, which I am sure all parish councillors are aware of. However, I have reported to Arun some recent developments at the site, which I have become aware of. I am currently waiting on a response from the planning department and will update the council in future.