

Keir Greenway Report – Oct 2023

### **County Council Report**

#### **Councillor briefing on water, with Southern Water and Environment Agency – 6<sup>th</sup> September**

An interesting event for councillors to better understand who is responsible for what, debunk myths, ask questions and also, it was a good opportunity improve working relationships. Southern Water gave a presentation on their challenges and how they plan to manage future demand. A common joint objective was how these agencies want water to be held longer in natural assets.

#### **Bognor Regis Regeneration Board – 13<sup>th</sup> September**

As the new WSCC representative to the board and it being the first meeting since the Arun District Council term, the meeting was very much a understanding of the landscape and meeting other members. Particularly, we heard of the amazing work being undertaken by the Bognor Regis Business Improvement District (BID) to help improve the Town Centre.

#### **Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Councillors scrutinised the performance of the relevant portfolios. Something to note was the slight drop of the road defect on time repair percentage which dropped to 86% (to June-23), which is below target. This was due to the new standard of pothole repair, which includes cutting around the hole and filling it in. I'm sure councillors will have noticed the improvements to the road repairs in recent months, this has also been helped by the increase in funding this year to the maintenance budget.

#### **Meeting with Mr Wood from Southway Primary – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Lyminster By-pass tour and briefing – 26<sup>th</sup> September**

County Councillors were invited to the building site for the Lyminster Bypass (North), which as the name suggests will bypass the village of Lyminster. Officers gave councillors a briefing of the project and how this has been in the making since 1992 (Yes, before I was born.). Construction for the road is on track for opening next Summer.

#### **Footpath 136 (Opp Central Drive on Chalcraft Lane) – vegetation cleared**

David Wilson Barrett Homes have now kindly cleared the vegetation in the footpaths.

#### **Waiting Restrictions (double yellow lines) on Chichester Road (New Barn Lane and Brazwick Ave)**

To be implemented imminently.

#### **Speed Limit Reduction in Shripney (A29 and Shripney Lane)**

Scheme has passed its initial assessment. It will now be scored and face further more detailed assessments. Likely to hear more in November/December. Fingers crossed.

#### **Update on Chalcraft Lane/West Meads Drive**

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## **District Council Report**

### **Ford Recycling Centre Tour - 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Environment Committee members were invited to visit the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). I would highly recommend visiting, which can be booked on the West Sussex Recycles website. We heard that West Sussex has the highest recycling rate where food collections are not collected separately, which puts us in a great position for when separate food collections are mandated. We are performing much better than neighbouring authorities, due to previous decision making and early adoption.

### **LTA Tennis facilities improvements – Swansea Gardens – 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Arun was awarded a £60,000 from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to improve the tennis facilities in the district. Swansea Gardens in Bognor Regis received a total refit and it is looking great.

The courts can be booked via the LTA website.

## **Parish Council Report:-**

### **Shripney Stand – 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Not hugely well attended, but those that did were very grateful we were there to listen. I managed to update those residents on the road issues and CHS application (mentioned above). But also, other issues were raised, for example the missing bus flag at the Robin Hood. I have contacted Compass and they confirmed one is on order and should be in place in the next 4 weeks.

I also have raised with the Environment Agency, the issue of the fallen trees in the ditches by Shripney Lane, the EA have come back to say they will investigate to gauge its urgency.

### **UK Harvest tour with Community Clerk – 15<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Bognor Regis Foodbank Tour and Trustee meet – 19<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Litterpick event, New Barn Lane area – 16<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Tea & Coffee Club – 18<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Friends of Bersted Brooks meet – 8<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Litterpick – Trees Estate – 24<sup>th</sup> September**