

County Council Report

Councillor briefing on water, with Southern Water and Environment Agency – 6th September

Councillors were given a briefing from SW and the EA on the management of water. It was a great opportunity to ask high level questions. It was interesting to hear from Southern Water on their frustration with the media and communications. Southern Water set out their priorities on solutions for how to reduce storm releases, including nature-based solutions and slowing the flow of water. This was particularly interesting to me, given the water that gets stored in Bersted (post rain events) and how that impacts our surrounding area (roads for example). It makes it more important than ever that we see progress with the Aldingbourne Rife Integrated Flood Risk Management Study.

Footpath 136 (Opp Central Drive on Chalcraft Lane) – currently inaccessible.

This has been raised with WSCC, whom are in the process of writing to responsible landowners. After reaching out to David Wilson Barrett Homes, they have confirmed their land should be cleared on 11th Sept.

Rowan Way bridge resurfacing

I'm delighted that after listening to representations made by myself and local residents, highways have now booked a job to resurface the bridge on Rowan Way. A firm date hasn't yet been set, but it's pencilled in before the end of November.

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

A public consultation was held on a proposal for double yellow lines. This has now concluded and I await to see the reports setting out the responses.

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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Winter is coming

As we start to approach the colder and wetter months, now is a great time to get the pothole or other road issues reported, before they get worse. I've recently reported potholes on Shripney Road, Victoria Drive, Romney Broadwalk, South Way and Mansfield Road to name but a few. I want Bersted to be as best prepared as it can be. I hope you agree.

Road issues can be reported here.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>

This includes blocked drains 🗑️

District Council Report

Environment Committee – 7th September

The substantive items on the agenda were the renewal of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dogs (restrictions for dogs in certain locations) and a proposal to change the 2 hour free parking schemes in Bognor Regis and Littlehampton.

After a good response from the public, it was decided to renew the PSPO as previous, with the addition of West Beach in Littlehampton, the Place St Maur and the Discovery Garden in Hotham Park.

Arun District Council were proposing to remove the disc scheme with a virtual permit from 2025. I supported an amendment which was to set up a working group with partners to bring forward new recommendations. This amendment also removed the idea of discontinuing the disc scheme.

Meadow Way – Verge improvement works

Meadow Way, for years, has had to put up with the unsightly grass verge from vehicles consistently driving over it. After investigating this, it turns out the land was responsibility of housing at Arun. Arun have now erected a small knee-high fence around the field and reenforced the verge with concrete. It now looks a lot better for local residents.

Parish Council Report:-

Litterpick event, Bersted Green– 19th August

Litterpick – Rowan Way – 8th September

Playscheme – 11th, 18th, 25th August

Budget meeting with Clerk and Cllr Van Koolbergen

Assistance with Social media

First Aid at work – 15th August