

Cllr Reports – February Council Meeting

C. Cllr & D. Cllr Keir Greenway

Firstly, on the Environment Committee at Arun District Council, the committee supported the endorsement of the revised Bersted Brooks Park proposal.

Which, over numerous years will see improvements to our local nature reserve. Also at Arun, we've had many briefings and meetings on the 24/25 budget. I've made previously comments on my concerns around the preparation and the lack of councillor consultation with this budget.

I've been continuing my involvement with the cleansing team around Durlston Drive and the Royal Parade. I'm pleased to say we are seeing improvements. I will keep on top of this.

I had a catch up with the Police last week, to discuss concerns in the local area. We committed to continuing these useful conversations to see how we can help each other out. It was raised about the speeding concerns on Chalcraft Lane, which the Police are going away to see what more can be done from an enforcement point of view.

This week the County Council will be debating next year's budget. Given the well reported funding constraints, the budget includes no service reductions, but does include efficiencies. It is also proposed to add an additional £4m into our highways. Similar to what was done this year, with some positive results. I have this month been appointed the Advisor to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change for Flood Risk Management. I look forward to getting on with this role. It is a county wide role, not for a specific area. In this role, I attended I attended the West Sussex County Council Water Summit, which brought those responsible for the management of water together, including Southern Water, Environment Agency and others. It was a very constructive meeting where areas of collaboration were identified. I look forward to seeing progress in these areas. I will forward more detail from the Summit when I receive it.

C. Cllr Francis Oppler

I have not been involved with any specific issues in Bersted that come into my county or district council patch during the past month. However, I did attend the meeting of the new group set up by David Alexander, the Flood Avoidance Community Taskforce (FACT). The meeting was well attended and there was general agreement that such a group would be useful in the future.

I recently chaired the Corporate Support Committee at Arun District Council. The meeting supported the committee budget for 2024/25. We also agreed that officers should carry out an assessment of the cost of conducting an electoral review for Arun District. The last time the Boundary Commission

carried out a review was at least fourteen years ago. I was also a member of the Policy & Finance Committee, which passed its budget for the coming financial year as well.

I am also hoping to speak at the planning committee meeting tomorrow as they are taking the application for housing development at the Bognor Regis Golf Club. I am pleased to report that the officer's decision is to recommend refusal.

District Councillor Martin Lury

First of all apologies for not being able to attend last month's Parish Council meeting as I felt I needed to address The Environment Committee at Arun in regard to concerns from Bersted Park residents about possible incursion into their residential area given the proposal south of the new bypass.

Planning Policy on the 30 th January enabled us to look at the disappointing few changes in the new NPPF after all Mr Gove's indications that things were going to change radically and we can. expect little respite in terms of expected housebuilding - we average circa 600 per annum, but last year we have managed 900 plus, but still well short of the 1400 decreed by Government!

Remember our housing delivery is not aided by the 6700 unimplemented permissions in the district!

The committee were tasked to visit the four possible secondary school sites in Ford and Yapton. Gill and I duly did the tour and concluded that proximity to Barnham Rail Station would be the optimal choice, so I am pleased to reveal that a West Sussex - owned site not far from said station was chosen as another viable alternative site to be considered.

Gill and I have also attended all three sessions of The Carbon Literacy Training offered to ADC councillors with a somewhat poor take up with only three of the five political parties at Arun represented. I expect Gill will cover this in detail, so I will move on to the 5 February Housing Repairs Q and A where we learnt about a change in terms of repair company for our tenants and all the calls to be brought back in - house, a move which should enable Arun to monitor more closely No

Yesterday we held a Direction of Travel briefing regarding the Local Plan Review and tomorrow the Planning Meeting at Arun looks interesting with some suggested refusals testing the greater importance of Neighbourhood Plans , one of the only positive changes in the NPPF . This however may well prove to be a test case, if members follow officer recommendation, as it remains to be seen what weight Government Inspectors will accord to this change!

D. Cllr Gill Yeates

Thur 18th Jan - attended the rather 'lively' Meet the Builder event. The recent flooding was very fresh in residents' minds and their fear of the traffic increase was obvious.

Fri 19th Jan – attended the much calmer FACT flood group meeting. Views from our patch and beyond and it will be interesting to see how this progresses.

Mon 22nd Jan – attended a member briefing with regards to the Bersted Brooks Park proposal (in advance of the committee meeting). Good opportunity to ask questions.

Tues 23rd Jan – attended the Environment Committee meeting as an observer but did raise residents' concerns regarding the Bersted Brooks Park.

Wed 24th Jan – second session of Carbon Literacy training

Thur 25th Jan – Housing & Wellbeing Committee

Tues 30th Jan – Planning Policy Committee

Tues 6th Feb – third session of Carbon Literacy training. This was the final training session and now only need to make my pledges as to what I will commit to taking forward.

Mon 12th Feb – Local Plan briefing on the Direction of Travel document

Cllr Alyson Van Koolbergen

- attended planning committee mtg 9/1/24
- attended full council meeting 16/1/24
- carried out FR 2.2 16/1/24
- agenda review F&GP 16/1/24
- attended meet the builder event
- met with local residents to discuss any issues 27/1/24
- chaired F&GP committee meeting 30/1/24
- attended planning committee mtg 6/2/24
- regular update of neighbourhood whats app group to share local information / be a listening ear and provide help and support where needed

Cllr Alan Smith Report

January 2024-February 13th 2024

16th January Council Meeting

18th January Meet the Builder

23rd January Community Action Meeting

30th January Finance Meeting

13rd February Council Meeting