

## **Local Updates**

**Loxwood Shop Development** – We have received several emails regarding the new development of houses in Loxwood whilst the shop remains unbuilt. We wanted to flag that this housing development is part of the scheme that delivers a shop unit to the community rather than further development without a shop unit being delivered.

**Foresters Development** – Will come before the planning committee in November.

**Food Deprivation** – We have been contacted by Arun and Chichester Advice Bureau as the Loxwood Ward has been identified as an area with high levels of food deprivation access. We will be working together in the coming months to hopefully set up a Food Project such as the one set up in Bourne.

## **CDC Wide Updates**

**Full Council Meeting** – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November will be the next full council meeting.

**Flood Emergency Planning** – As we head into the winter months a number of critical staff at CDC took part in a significant multi-agency emergency desk top exercise. This involved testing emergency plans against a major flooding incident. The CEO reports that their staff responded to this exercise brilliantly and it has helped CDC to identify areas for further development.

**Chichester Park Hotel** – West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council have recently been advised by the Home Office that a hotel in the Chichester area is being considered for use as contingency accommodation for people seeking asylum. Decisions around use of hotels and placements for those seeking asylum are made by the Home Office. We are not involved in the decision-making process. Should members of the public wish to contact the Home Office directly they can be contacted on [public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk) or by calling 0207 035 4848

**Taxi & Private Hire Driver Safeguarding Training** - From October 2023 West Sussex County Council are providing all Chichester Taxi and Private Hire Licenced Drivers a two-hour mandatory Safeguarding Training session. This training will further enhance their knowledge gained from previous required awareness of this important subject. It has been developed to help all drivers recognise when they are carrying passengers at risk. The training includes - How to provide a safe and suitable service to vulnerable passengers of all ages; How to recognise what makes a person vulnerable; and, understand how to respond, including how to report safeguarding concerns and where to get advice. This essential training will be required regularly so all drivers have up-to-date information.

**Damp and Mould Update** - The Housing Standards Team continues to provide advice to residents on how best to manage moisture in the home through our media

platforms. Tenants experiencing damp and mould within their property should always notify their landlord in the first instance. If the problem worsens, or the landlord's response is unsatisfactory tenants should contact the Housing Standards Team for help and advice.

For Hyde Residents, Hyde have put the following together <https://www.hyde-housing.co.uk/news/managing-homes/dealing-with-damp-and-mould/>

**Next Full Council Meeting** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Meeting your District Councillors:**

Gareth has the following surgery dates scheduled from 12pm-2pm:  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Onslow Arms, Loxwood  
Full schedule to follow.

Should the dates suggested not be suitable for you or there are any other reasons preventing you from seeing us we are also happy to do home visits, telephone calls or zoom calls.

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