

## **Local Updates**

**Local Plan** – Officers have continued to work hard on the responses that were received in the Regulation 19 consultation earlier this year. There have been particular challenges with National Highways around the capacity of the A27 in the South of the district, but with the help of the Leader of the Council in collaboration with the MP for Chichester we have now been able to resolve these. We now aim to submit the plan for examination in early 2024.

**Planning Enforcement** – We were recently contacted by residents of Pond Copse Lane in Loxwood regarding trees that were planted to screen them from the development at Hollyview Close that had subsequently died. Following contact with the CDC Enforcement Team the trees were replaced within a few days. If there are any planning enforcement issues that you would like to bring to CDC's attention, please let us know.

**Christmas** - We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to continuing to work together.

## **CDC Wide Updates**

**Full Council Meeting** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November will be the next full council meeting.

**Full Council Meeting Times** – As a District Council we want to ensure that meetings are more accessible to our residents. At the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November we therefore voted to change the time that Full Council meetings start from May 2024 to 18:00, rather than 14:00 as they do currently.

**Council Tax Reduction Scheme** – Also at Full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> November Councillors voted to extend our Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2024-25. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of uncertainty as a result of the cost of living crisis, and there is a possibility that more people may need help with their council tax in future. What I would really like to stress is that if you or someone you know is struggling to meet the cost of your Council Tax then I would really urge you to get in contact with us and consider making an application for a reduction as it will make a huge difference to your household finances

### **Meeting your District Councillors:**

Gareth has the following surgery dates scheduled from 12pm-2pm:  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 24 The Stag Inn, Balls Cross  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 24 Kirdford Stores, Kirdford  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 24 Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green

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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