

## **District Councillor Update**

### **Covid Update**

Booster jabs are now being issued across the county. There is no need to contact the NHS or the local doctor's surgery. Residents will be contacted when it is their time. I have seen this in operation as my father has received his call.

17- and 16-year-olds can now also book their vaccinations should they choose to.

Flu jabs are also being administered and these are being held on Saturdays at Loxwood Medical Practice to get through the backlog

### **Lagoon 3**

A meeting will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in order that we can receive an update now that the legal team have stepped in since the enforcement lapsed back in May. This came off the back of my request for a written update. This meeting will involve CDC, EA, Plaistow and Ifold and Kirdford Parish Councils and Janet Duncton and I.

### **Loxwood Claypit**

1500 plus objections have now been received and there was such a large amount of interest on this that I understand West Sussex County Council are still uploading objections to the portal.

The STCP group (of which I am a founding member) asked Gillian Keegan MP to visit the site on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September so she could see for herself the impact this application would have on the community. She left very clear of the issues and large numbers of the community were there at the end of the visit to ensure Gillian understood their feelings. Thanks to Rick for also attending and sharing his knowledge with our local MP.

This is likely to go to the WSCC planning committee meeting on or around 9<sup>th</sup> November

## **Chichester District Council Updates**

### **Unauthorised encampments on council own land**

CDC been consulting with some of their local communities on what further options they would like to see us take to help deter unauthorised encampments on council owned land. This action follows a number of recent unauthorised encampments, which have caused distress to those living nearby and created excessive littering. CDC are currently looking at a rolling programme of improvements to try and make the community spaces that they manage more secure. CDC will be taking the feedback from the consultation events to the next cabinet meeting with proposed solutions. You can find out more here:

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35806/Council-to-introduce-additional-security-measures-to-deter-unauthorised-encampments>

### **Local Connection Tests**

Many projects were discussed at the cabinet meeting in September, including the decision to introduce a local connection test that must be met by people opting to buy a home as part of the Government's First Homes Scheme. The scheme is designed to help local first time buyers and key workers onto the property ladder by offering homes at a discount of 30% compared to the market price. The idea is to help mortgages and deposits to be more affordable. You can find out more here:

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35807/Chichester-District-Council-adopts-localconnection-test-to-help-first-time-buyers-access-Government-housing-scheme>

### Staff Changes

Linda Grange, Divisional Manager for Housing has decided to retire at the end of November. From 1 November, Kerry Standing will manage Housing, as well as Revenues and Benefits, while Pam Bushby will manage Communities and Customer Services from 1 October.

### Natural England's Position Statement for Applications within the Sussex North Water Supply Zone September 2021 – Interim Approach

Natural England's updated at the recent DPIP meeting regarding Sussex North Water Supply Zone 2021. A document is also in the public domain.

In summary at the meeting Toby Ayling made it clear that currently developments cannot come forward unless they can prove they are water neutral. The IR will not increase water usage. CDC is working on mitigation solutions so in due course development can come forward providing the mitigation is provided. It is unclear how long it will take for the mitigation measures to become available.

We are awaiting an update on this

### District Councillor Surgeries (in person surgeries back!)



*Cllr. Gareth Evans  
Autumn Surgery Dates*



Sat. **18th September**, The Onslow Arms, Loxwood, 12pm - 2pm  
Sat. **2nd October**, The Forester Arms, Kirdford, 11am to 1pm  
Sat. **16th October**, The Half Moon, Northchapel, 12pm-2pm  
Sat. **30th October**, Plaistow Stores, Plaistow, 11am - 1pm  
Sat. **13th November**, Old Mill Cafe, Wisborough Green, 11am-1pm  
Sat. **27th November**, Stag Inn, Balls Cross, Ebernoe, 12pm - 2pm  
Sat. **11th December**, The Onslow Arms, Loxwood, 12pm - 2pm

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