

June District Councillor Update

Council Meetings

As with Parish Council meetings face to face meetings are resuming but current restrictions mean there is currently only space for 50% of the councillors and so attendance will split dependent on political balance.

Lagoon 3

A meeting took place on Tuesday 25th May to discuss Lagoon 3. There have been a series of regular meetings as we approach the enforcement deadline. The key points from the meeting were as follows:

- Enforcement notice has expired
- Shona Archer (CDC enforcement) has visited the site and confirmed that **no works have started or were imminent.** She noticed some bubbling on the surface of the Lagoon (as per other visits)
- The **potential sale of Lagoon 3 has fallen through as they were not prepared to take the risk without testing the contents.** They had hoped it could be spread but legacy of lagoon 2 being tankered raised concerns.
- **Current owner has confirmed that they now plan to test what is in the lagoon in order to try and sell to a new buyer.**
- **CDC will not pause action for this and expect the land to be returned to former agricultural state.**
- CDC could not confirm how long legal action would take but were **liaising with legal team** and hoped to respond in two weeks and could be ready to serve within the month
- Planning Committee will be updated and this will appear as an agenda item in June or July
- Report to cabinet and council will follow.
- Question - Would presence of the lagoon hamper development on other aspects of the land - yes it would be a material consideration.
- **We asked for a chronological statement which details who the lagoon came into existence up until today**
- **We also asked that neighbouring landowners were kept fully informed as they will be impacted by any aspect of decommissioning**

Local Planning Application Updates

Kirdford –75 home development in Townfield is still ongoing and is currently in limbo pending feedback from Natural England in respect of the North Sussex Water Supply Zone issue. We are expecting interim advice and the application has been extended to July 31st

Wisborough Green – 25 home development is still ongoing with an update expected in two weeks.

Chichester Wide Updates

There was a delay this month in the publication of the Members bulletin, and I will therefore send a fuller update once this has been received

Surgeries

I will be exploring with local businesses returning to face-to-face surgeries as we emerge from lockdown as long as nothing changes in the meantime. With social distancing I need to ascertain whether this is convenient for the local business I used in the pre-covid days.

I am happy to visit residents if they contact, we – as I have been doing or organise an online/telephone meeting. Residents can contact me on 07958918056