

WSSC and CDC Janet Duncton February Report

All going along quite well with the budget to be decided upon in the middle of February and the Chichester District one will be finalised in March.

I have been watching for the Claypit application and I am hoping it won't come up until the April meeting. If the worst should happen and it comes up on the 1<sup>st</sup> March I won't be there but will of course send in a written statement.

Working with an agency to make accommodation available to enable the Hospitals to get some out of Hospital ready to take some in. All well at the moment.

We await HM Inspectorate for the Fire and Rescue Service to inform us of the soundness of our Service. I think it is actually doing pretty well and completely caught up with it's work in the community helping people, especially the vulnerable with what they need to keep safe in their homes.

Trading Standards have been busy as ever and successfully prosecuted over some issues recently.

I had a fascinating tour of the Records office where there are millions of papers which include Maps, papers and Photographs some of the photo's dating back to the 1870s. I was especially intrigued to see the first Minute book of the very first County Council. Sadly I can't remember the date but it was before the Districts and Parish's were set up and the date 1879 rings a bell. I must find out for sure when I get back.

Amazing amount of records of the Royal Sussex Regiment and many, many more records from all the Estates in the County. Expensive to keep but absolutely vital.

Please let me know if there is anything you want me to follow up on. As I said I will have my computer with me so not a problem.

Gareth will give you a full report for CDC I am sure but just to say obviously the budget has been an import piece of work but the Water position has also taken a lot of Officer and member time and is not solved yet. In the meantime of course work needs to continue on our revised Local Plan. CDC works in close contact with the other affected authorities including the National Park to try and get an outcome on this situation. All very poor at the moment.

Keep safe and see you all in March.

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