

Happy & Healthy New year to you all.

Although there is quite a lot going on and of course budgets at this time of the year I will try and give a brief note on some of the things that have been happening and continuing to happen.

There is not so much that immediately affects us directly.

First of all you will have heard of the landslide on the A29 Pulborough at Church Hill. This could take some time to resolve as most of the land is in Private ownership and this always makes things a little more difficult. However I know everyone is working on it and depending on which way you are going there are diversion signs in place. Probably best to check before you travel.

A reminder that those looking for Primary School places for next year have until the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

There is a case of Bird Flue at Horley and you will know there was one at Arundel. I hope it doesn't get to us here but sadly our chickens still have to be kept inside.

Some will have noticed that the decisions on our roads and especially our rural roads have now been published. In the right circumstances it should make it easier for us rural areas to get T-roads etc. This could be especially useful on our small country roads that are used for walking, cycling and riding where you can apply for lower speeds. In the normal way you need your County Councillor support but my policy is to support my Parish's and then we have to wait to see if it meets criteria etc from Officers. It should also be a lot easier to get 20mph outside of our Schools if that is something you would like.

10 full-time Firemen have completed their 13 weeks intensive training and will now be taking up their positions. You will also notice if you have travelled in a Horsham direction that the new Fire Station at Broadbridge Heath is taking shape and as I've said before this will provide training for Fire & Rescue training for any Force that would like to hire it.

Not exactly in our division but you may be interested to know that we are building a new School at Burgess Hill for about 900 pupils. The cost is some £57million but when complete it will be zero Carbon rated. This is hopefully the way forward.

I hope to see most of you but as ever you can always contact me on

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