

For those Parish's within or partly within the South Downs National Park and have applied for CIL funding for capital projects in their Parish the final recommendations will go to the Planning committee I think in December. We have had a workshop to discuss them all and I am fairly confident that those who applied will be looked at with a view to meeting SDNP guidance and all should be well. Obviously I can't say anything for definite as the Planning Committee will have the final say. For those who have applied I am sure you are aware that SDNP look to see how projects are progressing and there is a cut off time of 5 years. That said I am sure if the 5 years are up and good reasons are given they would not take the money back and of course if you have a neighbourhood Plan you get 25% and 15% if you don't have a neighbourhood Plan. It really does give you the chance to do good schemes that your Parish would like and fit the requirements. As yet we don't have a picture of what Government is going to do about CIL and some Planning issues, but as soon as we do I am sure you will also find out.

If anyone fancies commenting on the County budget I believe there is an opportunity of the County website.

Platinum House the new Fire and Rescue Centre at Broadbridge Heath is still getting many enquiries regarding training and not just from the UK but from abroad as well.

The South Downs National Park is dealing with the largest National Park Planning application in the UK. We met as a Planning committee in Lewes recently to discuss and make some decisions on the application and we are very determined that this application will go through with all our comments taken on board. The outcome of the meeting has given the applicant the reasons of what we want to see this application do for Lewes and especially in the area if you know it, along the River Ouse, north of the Harvey's Brewery and the applicant we hope will come forward with the improvements required within 4 months.

We still have some way to go to improve Highways and of course the ever present Potholes and we are working on it. Not an excuse but it is not only County department that has some Staff shortages our Contractors are also finding it difficult.

At a meeting today some of us raised the issue of Contractors not collecting their signage at the end of a job. Very annoying and the signage is the Contractors and not the County's, in fact we do fine them but the fine is not very large and we are hoping it is going to be increased before long.

Since April we have done 16700 potholes and 15000 of these have had the better cut and saw method for dealing with them. Always trying to find new ways of dealing with this increasing situation. Our marvellous Patching machines can't work in bad weather but we are trying..

Please feel free to contact me for any updates

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