

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT MARCH

Local Updates

Lagoon 3 – The applicant has appealed the court decision back in January. This led to the cancellation of the meeting between CDC, EA, Parish Councillors and District Councillors in February. We are awaiting an update as to next steps from the legal team at CDC.

We can report though that there was a multi-agency meeting in February between CDC and EA.

We also wrote to the EA to raise concerns regarding finding out about information regarding leaks at the lagoon second hand.

EA responded to us and said:

- There was a leak, and they are grateful to the member of the public that reported it.
- Minimal impact on environment
- Elevated levels of ammonia in nearby water course. Said to be low risk to water environment and they continue to monitor.
- Lagoon owner present when EA visited at their request. He commenced works to stop the leak adopting similar method to that done in 2022
- They admit whilst the lagoon is in situ it poses a risk to the environment which is why they want the lagoon removed.
- They will continue to work in coordination with CDC continually reviewing the multi-agency emergency plan.
- The emergency number if members of public notice leak or anything of concern is 0800 807060
- Remind members of the public to stay on open public rights of way in the vicinity of the lagoon

Flood in Loxwood – With the heavy downpour several residents have contacted me regarding the flood on the Guildford road in Loxwood. Therefore just flagging this again. We have contacted WSCC and Gillian Keegan. It has now been prioritised for a CCTV survey to inspect the drainage system and ascertain why it has failed.

Hollyview Close – A couple of residents visited me from Pond Copse Lane in my recent surgery to complain about the lack of tree coverage which was promised. We will be writing to enforcement to follow up on this. We have also been asked about ownership of the ditch on Pond Copse Lane so will be seeking to establish this as well.

Crouchlands Farm Planning Application – All Crouchland applications to be reconsulted on. We are awaiting the return of the planning officer who is on sick leave for clarification.

CDC Wide Updates

Budget Meeting Held on Tuesday 27th February:

Community Focused funding – investing in community centre projects including the Selsey Sea Wall, Think Family Worker in the Bournes and Supporting You Services

£586,000 invested into Council Reserves for future community projects

Boosting events strategy including Markets, Cultural Events and Night Time experiences across Chichester District

Protecting the environment – Supporting the Chichester Harbour and Adaption Strategy and focusing on sustainable growth and bio-diversity

Meeting your District Councillors:

Gareth has the following surgery dates scheduled from 12pm-2pm:

Saturday 2nd March Loxwood (Onslow)

Saturday 16th March Northchapel (Mens Club)

Saturday 6th April Ifold (Shop)

Saturday 20th April Ebernoe (The Stag Inn)

Saturday 4th May Kirdford (Shop)

Saturday 18th May Wisborough Green (Old Mill Café)

Should the dates suggested not be suitable for you or there are any other reasons preventing you from seeing us we are also happy to do home visits, telephone calls or zoom calls.

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