

## District Councillor Address

### **Lagoon 3 – Plaistow and Ifold and Kirdford Parish Meeting with CDC Officers**

The last review meeting took place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May following the expiration of the enforcement. The key points from the meeting were as follows:

- 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 reported 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 on the land but legacy of lagoon 2 being tankered raised concerns.
- It is believed that the current owner now plans to test what is in the lagoon and the sell the lagoon.
- CDC would not pause action for this sale and will continue with enforcing action.
- CDC said that they will be liaising with their legal team and would feedback to the group as to the next steps
- Planning Committee will be updated, and this will appear as an agenda item
- Report to cabinet and council will follow.

Following the meeting a chronological statement was requested which details how the lagoon came into existence up until today. It was also requested that neighbouring landowners were kept fully informed as they will be impacted by any aspect of decommissioning. The request again was put to CDC to test the contents of the lagoon themselves in order that residents could be reassured of their safety regarding the contents of the lagoon.

There will be a further review meeting next month.

### **Townfield, Kirdford Planning Application (Update)**

The proposed development application in Townfield, Kirdford is still ongoing and is currently in limbo pending feedback from Natural England in respect of the North Sussex Water Supply Zone issue. I am expecting interim advice by the end of June which will give a clearer indication of whether this application will be refused or permitted. As a consequence, the application has been extended to July 31<sup>st</sup>. I remain in weekly contact with the Planning Officer assigned to this application in order that I can get across in the strongest terms the sense of feeling in the community regarding this wholly unsustainable application.

## **Land East of St Peters Church Application, Wisborough Green**

At the time of writing CDC still needed to carry out an HRA/AA in consultation with Natural England and it was anticipated that determination of this application would not be until late July/early August at the earliest. I remain in contact with the officer and will update as I hear more information

## **Wisborough Green Market**

On Saturday 12th June we welcomed back the Wisborough Green Market by the pond and whilst volunteering as the resident photographer I was able to catch up with many people who I had not seen face to face for some time! Well done to all the Wisborough Green Market Committee for a very well organised event which was fully Covid compliant and had the most wonderful array of stalls to tempt all.

## **CDC Related Updates**

### **Southern Water**

The CEO of CDC attended a water summit which was led by Southern Water to help drive water quality improvement and identify key information that would be helpful for local residents. The water summit was a positive step towards working together to help protect the harbour for future years to come. The Chairman of the Summit, Profession Helm, set out four steps to turn the opportunities into outcomes which are as follows:

1. Agree to conduct a natural capital baseline, and to re-run it at regular intervals to show empirically how the assets are being enhanced.
2. Agree to identify from all parties the enhancement opportunities and options.
3. Agree to define the prizes for 2030 and 2050.
4. Analyse the various revenue streams and create a revenue model to sit alongside the baseline and enhancements.

To maintain urgency and to help move this agenda forward, Southern Water has offered to fund the delivery of the natural capital baseline. This is a fundamental piece of work. They have begun the procurement process and will work with partners to ensure the scope of works will provide the data needed to provide an accurate baseline to measure actions against.

Southern Water is also arranging a follow up meeting to allow the consideration of the chair's note and agree the pathway forward.

### **The Local Plan**

If you would like to be kept up to date with matters relating to the Local Plan there is a regular newsletter being produced. Please visit the link below in order to sign up [www.chichester.gov.uk/localplannewsletter](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/localplannewsletter)

There are three newsletters so far – all of which can be found on the website under the same web page as above, and CDC will be launching a series of videos to explain the process as well.

### **Social Housing Tenants (what you can expect from your new home)**

For tenants moving into a social housing property the Council has produced a guide detailing the Council's expectations for properties at the beginning of the tenancy. Properties falling short of this standard should be reported to the landlord through one of the two routes set out above.

[https://www.chichester.gov.uk/media/32456/Letablestandards/pdf/Letable\\_standard\\_leaflet\\_web\\_accessible\\_version.pdf](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/media/32456/Letablestandards/pdf/Letable_standard_leaflet_web_accessible_version.pdf)

Next month's guidance will look at complaints about anti-social behaviour and to explain the various tools and powers registered housing providers have to resolve these.

### **More funding for warmer and more energy efficient homes**

The council has been successful in a second consortium bid for the Government's Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme. Homes with low energy efficiency and a household income below £30,000 could be entitled to a free Government grant of up to £10,000 to be used to upgrade their property with solid wall insulation; loft insulation; first-time energy efficient double glazing; first-time gas central heating and air-source heat pumps; smart heating controls; and solar panels. The financial support available is to help residents save money on their energy bills and make the district's homes more environmentally friendly. The grants are available up until the end of September 2021. Residents who wish to make an application should contact the councils delivery partner, Warmer Homes at [www.warmerhomes.org.uk/](http://www.warmerhomes.org.uk/) or call 0800 038 5737.

### **Tree Chichester District**

As part of CDC's DEFRA funded Subsidised Tree Scheme to increase tree planting across the district, they are launching the free tree phase of the project in July. In July, applications will open for residents, community groups, landowners, schools, parish councils and businesses to apply for free trees. People can apply for trees to be planted on their own land, or land owned by someone else provided they have landowner permission. Trees will be offered in bundles of 10 or 20, will be suitable for the soil they will be planted in and will be provided with biodegradable guards and stakes. For further information, please see <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/treescheme>

### **Surgeries**

I hope with restrictions lifting to return to offering my regular surgeries. More details on this will follow. In the meantime if you would like to contact me about anything please call me on 07958918056 or email [gbevans@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:gbevans@chichester.gov.uk) I am happy to come to you (socially distanced of course) or organise an online meeting/telephone call.