

CDALC Meeting 26th October 2022 – Notes

1. It was noted that of the 67 parishes in the district only 16 attended the meeting and that this was not unusual.
2. A proposal to reinstate a membership fee of £25 was deferred on the grounds that there had been no consultation with member parishes and that no rationale or work programme had been provided. P&IPC was not alone in questioning the value of CDALC.
3. Trevor Leggo reported, inter alia:
 - a. Many parishes were reporting difficulties in recruiting and retaining clerks. TL said that the current 'going rate' was £18-20 per hour and that PC's were not bound by local authority pay scales.
 - b. Some PCs were investigating the creation of 'warm hubs' for vulnerable people over the winter. Wisborough Green PC had agreed with all three pubs in the village that they would offer hospitality to vulnerable people, with the PC providing the pubs with tea and coffee. TL reported that other PCs were looking at providing hospitality in village halls on one or two days a week after pre-school had ended.
 - c. TL encouraged PCs to attend the upcoming police forum. (Changes in senior staffing are ongoing and so TL had not sent the letter concerning PCSO visibility that he had undertaken to send in September.)
 - d. WSALC's board had approved a change to its constitution allowing for a third director to be appointed from Chichester District, in recognition of its relative size.
4. The SDNP is facing a number of proposals from West Sussex Highways to change the status of various byways to BOATs: byways open to all traffic – essentially allowing trail bikes and offroaders. Parishes were advised to watch out for similar proposals in their areas.
5. A depressing report on marine life in Chichester Harbour highlighted the catastrophic decline in crustacea around the UK.

Cllr. Nicholas Taylor
27 October 2022