

## County Councillor Janet Duncton Report

### Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Hello everyone,

First of all, I note from the Clerk's notes that concern has been raised regarding the attitude of people and some abuse to the Councillors. This is totally unacceptable and because I receive some abuse I concur wholeheartedly with your approach and indeed at times it gets to the stage where I have to consider not attending Parish Council meetings which are of course an extra that we can choose to attend or not but I have always thought it right to try and keep up to speed with what my residents have concerns about and try and help where I can. Some of my fellow County Councillors in the Boroughs do of course not have any Parish Councils to work with so it's those of us in Districts that attend the Parish Councils and in my case that's 10, although there are 11 Parish's one only meets once a year and some of my Parish's do not meet every month.

Platinum House at Broadbridge Heath is now fully operational and receiving many enquires for training from both home and abroad. It is considered state of the art for training and Fire and Rescue purposes so I have no doubt it will be well used.

Trading Standards never stops making sure that we are somewhat protected from traders etc who are not doing things properly and often cheating people. Recently we have had several cases regarding eating establishments and rouge builders. They have had successful prosecutions.

The new Lymington by pass has now started being built and will give relief to the villages of Yapton and Lymington from their heavy volumes towards Littlehampton.

At the time of writing I do not have any up date on the RAAC situation in West Sussed Schools only the County maintained ones which at the time of writing do not have a problem.

I think I mentioned before but in case not the waste last year made 200.000 tone of reuse or recycling that didn't go to a hole in the ground. When food waste is eventually introduced this will climb significantly but that's the current position which I think is positive.

On the same subject the winter opening times are now running at the waste and recycling sites. Locally that is Billingshurst which will be open 9am to 4pm Monday to Wednesday and Saturday and Sunday. For those who like to use the Chichester Centre it's again 9am to 4pm on Monday and then Wednesday through to Sunday.

If you don't know Buchan Park just outside of Crawley on the A264 it really is worth a visit. It has received official recognition as one of the Country's best Parks.

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