

District Councillor September Update

Local Updates

Loxwood Claypit

Loxwood Claypits / Protreat application is for "a clay quarry and construction materials recycling facility (CMRF) for CD&E wastes including the use of an existing access from Loxwood Road, the extraction and exportation of clay and restoration using suitable recovered materials from the CMRF to nature conservation interest including woodland, waterbodies and wetland habitats"

Their application is published and live on WSCC website with the reference WSCC/030/21

Public consultation closed at the end of August and is expected to be determined at a November WSCC meeting.

Lagoon 3

I wrote to Andrew Frost and Alison Stevens requesting an update regarding where the legal team were with this now. They responded by asking to set up a meeting which is currently being agreed but likely to be in early October.

Churchfields Application, Wisborough Green

To advise the applicant has withdrawn this application due to the issue surrounding Water Capacity

Land south of Townfield, Kirdford

Now extended until the end of December to allow the developers to work with Natural England in order to put together a proposal to overcome the issue surrounding Water Capacity.

Blackhall development, Loxwood (including shop)

Currently in limbo due to issues impacting other developments in the community connected to the Hardham water integrity issues of demonstrating Water Neutrality. I have received no further updates at this time

Plaistow and Ifold Neighbourhood Plan: The examiner sent an open letter to the Parish Council and CDC in July and the Parish Council is now considering its next steps. Details are available on the CDC [neighbourhood planning](#) page.

CDC Updates

Local Plan

A full update was sent to the Parish Clerk via email following the members meeting on 29th July 2021

Local Plan Newsletter

A reminder that the residents can sign up to the Local Plan newsletter to be kept abreast of developments. This can be done via this link

www.chichester.gov.uk/localplannewsletter

Free trees

Residents can apply for free trees from Chichester District Council for themselves and their communities, as part of a scheme to increase tree planting across the district. This follows a successful pilot scheme which was launch in January of this year. Residents can find more information about the scheme, along with guidance notes for anyone interested in applying for free trees, at Chichester District tree scheme. People can also contact the council's dedicated Tree Project Officer by emailing treescheme@chichester.gov.uk or calling 01243 521161.

District wide celebration of culture 2022.

A further £50,000 has been approved by Chichester District Council for the new district wide celebration of culture in 2022. Residents are being invited to suggest ideas for events that they would like to see as part of the celebration and to let the organisers know of anything planned by their groups or societies during 2022. Ideas and suggestions can be emailed to chichester22@chichester.gov.uk.

Financial hardship resulting from impact of Covid-19

Chichester District Council is making further funding available to help economically vulnerable people in the district to pay their council tax. CDC's team will do everything they can to help you by explaining all the support that is available to you. The easiest way to contact them is by email at benefits@chichester.gov.uk. You can also call 01243 534509, but please be aware that when lines are busy callers may have to wait longer than we would like. You can also visit this webpage to find out what support is available <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances>

Petworth Vision

CDC has approved funding to assist Petworth Vision to manage the creation of a dedicated website and design of a logo for the Petworth Heritage Partnership to go 'live' in September. This partnership comprises the following organisations:

- St Mary's Church
- United Reformed Church
- The Leconfield Hall
- Sacred Heart Church
- The Old Railway Station

- Petworth & District Community Association
- Petworth Vision CIC
- The Petworth Society
- Petworth Business Association; and,
- the Petworth Town Band.

The aim of promoting the organisations together on one dedicated website is to help showcase Petworth's large number of heritage sites in a more efficient way in order to encourage greater community engagement and increasing visitor numbers into the town. The ongoing maintenance of the new website will be funded by donations raised during the Heritage Weekends and throughout the year.

CDC have also approved funding for Petworth Vision to set up and run computer training at the United Reform Church for residents of Petworth and the surrounding areas. It is being presented as an IT café and training will range from on-line banking and shopping, to the use of Zoom and Skype as well as IT Security. There will be two morning sessions a week running from 14 September 2021 until September 2022.

Helping residents to recycle more – new kerbside collection trials

Two new trial collection schemes, launched in July, are helping residents in the pilot areas to recycle more. The first scheme collects unwanted textiles and broken or unneeded small electrical items, while the second collects used coffee pods. While CDC are only able to trial this service with three quarters of the district, once the pilots have finished they will be looking to see if they can be rolled out and made permanent across the whole of the district. Information on how to use the new services has been sent directly to residents included in the trial area and more information can be found here:

www.chichester.gov.uk/textileandelectricalrecycling.
www.chichester.gov.uk/podback

To check if you are part of the trial area, please use our post code checker

www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35525/Small-electrical-textiles-or-coffee-pod-collection-dates

Trying my own postcode it would appear we are part of the trial

All Parishes meeting

Takes place on 9th September 2021 at 5.30pm and will be virtual

Full Council Meeting

Takes place on the 21st September at 2pm at East Pallant House

Surgeries

With the lifting of all restrictions on the 19th July I will be returning after the summer to my regular surgeries. More details on this will follow however I will also be happy to offer online ones for anyone who would rather or needs to socially distance. In the meantime if you would like to contact me about anything please call me on

07958918056 or email gbevans@chichester.gov.uk I am happy to come to you (socially distanced of course) or organise an online meeting/telephone call.