

Report from County & District Councillor Duncton

Meeting date: Wednesday 28th September 2022

Since most of us last met we have all been mourning the passing of our wonderful Queen Elizabeth II. God bless her and God bless her Son, King Charles III. She has been our Queen for as long as most of us can remember and I am sure the King has had a wonderful Queen and mother to learn from.

Meetings that were cancelled are now coming through thick and fast. I will, as ever, do my best to get to as many as possible, but as ever when there are cancellations you get clashes with other things in the diary. In the meantime, I hope these brief notes are useful and my contact details are at the end of these notes.

We have just trained 6 new retained Fire Fighters and what super people they are. There is always a need so if you ever know of a person who would like to give it a go in this really worthwhile position, they are more than welcome to make contact with the Fire Service.

The annual test of Electric blankets is on again in October. 10th October is in Horsham Library, 11th October, Durrington Community 18th October Bognor Fire Station. To book an appointment call the prevention team on 0345 8729719.

The Governments 'warmer homes programme' is available to view now on www.warmerhomes.org.uk/programme. You can check there to see if you are eligible. The phone number is 0800 0385737.

Applications for children going into year 7 need to apply for Secondary education by the 31st October. It is important to get your application for year 7 in by that date.

Ash Die Back is still a big concern, but again you will need to check online to see if an area is going to be removed on a route you need to take. I'm afraid it's best to check this out online.

At last, it looks very likely that the long-awaited Shoreham Air Show inquest will now take place during November/December over a 3 week period.

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For those Parish's that I represent on Chichester District Council, just a few points. I have no need to repeat, but like all else CDC whilst carrying out its business did cancel meetings during the period of mourning.

'Supporting you', is an important issue for residents who are struggling during this current crisis. In partnership with the Observer Series newspapers through their digital channels much of this information can be found.

Any local businesses offering deals or discounts that are of benefit to those who may be struggling you will find there.

There is also an updated leaflet on 'Supporting You', and I have asked to collect some at Tuesdays Council meeting. If they are ready for me I will try and get some out to the Parish Clerks. This leaflets has many useful contact details for many organisations that can help. We are also working with partners like Citizen Advice Bureau and VAAC (Volunteers Arundel And Chichester) and local business associations we will highlight Pop up Pantries and Food Banks among other organisations.

If you want to contact me it's janet.dunton@westsussex.gov.uk or jdunton@chichester.gov.uk. Mobile 07979152898.

Hope to see you soon.

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