

District Councillor Update – December 2025

Local Updates

Hawthorn Cottage, Loxwood

At the November Planning Committee the Hawthorn Cottage, Loxwood application was refused by the committee. The proposal would not have delivered any much-needed affordable housing, despite the new Local Plan requiring 40% of dwellings to be affordable. Instead, it would have been for more 3- and 4-bedroom properties, which we already have an over-supply of in the village.

Solar Farm Application

At the December planning committee this application was approved despite strong reservations by many on the committee. Cllr. Gareth Evans also had his objection read out at the planning committee and had long opposed this application. Since then, the council has received an Article 31 Direction which prevents the council from granting planning permission while the secretary of state considers whether to 'call in' the application for its own determination. We await further guidance on this.

Foxbridge

We understand that this will be coming to January planning committee and Cllr. Todhunter will be able to provide any further updates.

WEEKLY FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS ARE COMING TO CHICHESTER

A phased roll out of this new service will begin in Spring 2026. Households will receive two new containers for their food waste - a small grey caddy to be used in the kitchen, and a lockable outdoor food waste bin which will be emptied weekly – along with instructions on how to use them and a roll of caddy liners to get you started. Food waste collections will be weekly. Food waste can then be recycled to generate renewable energies and nutrient-rich compost to improve agricultural land whilst reducing methane emissions from landfills that contribute to climate change.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SURGERIES DATES FOR THIS WINTER (ALL 12 to 2pm)

December: Saturday 13th, Plaistow Stores.

January: Saturday 10th, Onslow Arms Loxwood, Saturday 24th, Kirdford Stores

February: Saturday 7th, Northchapel Club, Saturday 28th Stag Inn Ebernoe

March: Saturday 7th Wisborough Green (Old Mill Café