

District Councillor Report – March 2022

Local updates

Loxwood Claypit – The latest update that has been issued from WSCC Planning is that they are working towards this going to committee by 5th April 2022. Updates will be provided once it is known

Hyde Housing – Several residents have approached over concerns with the communication process and the quality of the housing stock. I am working with the Cabinet Member and CDC to apply pressure on Hyde over these issues. I have also asked a CDC officer to visit some of residents who have raised significant concerns and these visits will take place in the coming weeks,

Townfield – I am still liaising with the officer responsible for this application to ascertain which way determination will fall. The Water Neutrality issues are holding this application up

Lagoon 3 – the next progress review meeting between parish councils, CDC and EA takes place on 14th April at 10.00am

District Councillor Surgeries

Saturday 19th March 2022 – The Onslow Arms, Loxwood 12pm- 2pm

This is the final one of this round of surgeries and I will be publishing my next round shortly.

If residents are unable to attend face to face or the meeting time does not work, I am happy to arrange visits, telephone calls or Zoom meeting. I can be contacted via email gbevans@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 07958918056.

Chichester District Council Updates

Levelling up – CDC has been awarded over £34,000 to provide extra support for victims of domestic abuse and their children. The funding, from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, will be used to deliver safe accommodation spaces and provide victims with vital support services.

£150 energy bills rebate 2022 - The Chancellor announced on 3 February 2022 that council taxpayers in properties in tax bands A to D will receive a one-off payment of £150 to support households with rising energy bills.

It was also confirmed that this rebate will not need to be repaid. CDC are still awaiting the guidelines from central Government as to how to administer this and CDC will process these rebates as quickly as they possibly can once they have received the detailed guidance. It should be noted that for residents who currently pay their Council Tax by direct debit it will be quicker for CDC to process their £150 rebate.

Financial help for residents – I have been asked to promote the following webpage to anyone who may benefit from financial support and/or checking that they are receiving everything due. This includes financial help, debt management advice along with a range of other services. For further information please visit <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances>

Wellbeing – CDC's Weigh Better Life 12 week courses are restarting at the end of March in the north of the district. The course is free for anyone with a body mass index between 25 to 40. They will be providing virtual and face to face support including a weekly newsletter, video presentation and a printed handbook.

- o Tuesday 29 March 6.30 – 7.15pm Loxwood Microsoft Teams
- o Wednesday 30 March 11.30 – 12.30 The Grange, Midhurst
- o Thursday 31 March 10.15 – 11.15 Hampers Hall, Petworth

Special Council Meeting – Takes place on 8th March to debate the Budget