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Affordable housing

Thank you to all the residents that took the time to complete and return the affordable housing survey.

The timing was unfortunate in that at the same time that we issued our survey an application for 220 houses in East Wittering and Bracklesham went live. Although there is a large number of affordable houses proposed on this site the local connection will be for the residents for the parish that it is being built in and so will not assist the residents of this parish who are looking to remain in Earnley.

Extract of Conclusion:

"The Chichester District Council's housing register indicates a need for affordable housing within the Parish. A total of 80% of households on the register with a local connection to the Parish are currently resident within Earnley. However the survey has not demonstrated a further need for affordable rented housing above and beyond the households on the housing register. It has however indicated a need for affordable low cost home-ownership. The survey reveals a need for accommodation suitable for older persons wishing to down size within the home ownership sector and starter homes for young couples."

The full report is available on the parish council website at www.earnleypc.org or use your smart phone to access the report



The Parish Council concluded that, as demonstrated by the survey results, there was insufficient support for affordable housing at this time. This position to be reviewed after the outcome of the application for the 220 houses in clappers Lane. In the meantime the CDC Housing Officer is to write to people on the housing register with connections to Earnley, to see if they would like to be considered for properties in neighbouring parishes.

We would like your email address

The Parish Council occasionally receives information that it would be good to pass on to as many residents as possible. Please email the clerk@earnleypc.org your email address to receive this information. Your contact details will not be passed on to any other party and we will not bombard you with emails.

Sewage Issues

Newsletter Winter 2013/14

The Parish Council is working with District Councillor Graeme Barratt to try and improve the issues that residents experience with the inadequate sewage system on the peninsula and he has registered a formal complaint with Southern Water.

A misunderstanding by residents and businesses is that in making a complaint regarding such incidents at their property it has an impact on the value of the property. However, if the incidents are not reported when the property comes up for sale you are legally bound to declare such problems. So, by reporting these incidents in the first place you should be in a better position more evidence that can be put to South Water about the problems the greater is the likelihood that remedial action will be taken.

Graeme would appreciate it if you could, as soon as possible, provide examples of incidents affecting your businesses or home. The email address is Southern.Enquiries@ccwater.org.uk, the Incident Reference Number is 140103-000019 and the point of contact is Ms Daisy Adams.

KEEP THE DATE

Your parish meeting is on 29th May 2014 commencing at 7pm at Bracklesham Barn.

We look forward to see you more information to follow shortly.

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Community Warden.

For those of you who have never heard of me, or had the pleasure of meeting me, let me start with a brief introduction. My name is Drew Allardice, and I am the Community Warden for The Witterings, Bracklesham and Earnley. I am based at the Fire Station in East Wittering, and I am employed by Chichester District Council.



This is my tenth year as a Community Warden, having started in 2005 and working for 4 years in Chichester East. I was transferred down to The Witterings in January 2009 and since then I have dealt with around 5000 jobs locally.

Back in 2005 when the Community Warden service started, we used to say that we, the Wardens, were "the eyes and ears of the community", dealing with pretty much everything that was annoying people, or causing alarm and distress, and I still work to that philosophy. By listening closely to the views of locals, and working with local community groups, I know what is important to them, whether it be unruly youths, dog fouling, fly tipping, untaxed vehicles, neighbour disputes, drug issues, potholes in the road, etc. etc. The list seems endless sometimes.

Basically, if I see something that I can do something about, I will deal with it. If it is out of my league, then I call upon the services of partner agencies such as West Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex Police, West Sussex County Council and, perhaps most importantly, the local Parish councils.

My work is broken down into three categories. Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental Issues and Community Development.

Anti-Social Behaviour covers a wide range of things that are either illegal or just plain annoying, and even though the area where you live is one of the safest in Sussex, there are still plenty of people who do their level best to spoil it for others. I try to provide a high profile deterrent in areas, and at times, where I can disrupt or catch those amongst us who behave badly. To do this I need the help of locals who keep me informed on, for instance, gatherings of youths, or examples of anti-social behaviour. Naturally I work very closely with Sussex Police, sharing intelligence and information.

Environmental Issues cover things like littering and fly tipping, plus all types of animal issues whether it is welfare concerns or dog fouling. As an example for you, I personally collected well over 2 tons of fly tipping locally last year. My poor little van is almost always full of stuff that I have picked up locally.

My Community Development work mainly revolves around the work that I do with children and teenagers, trying to get across to them that there is a proper way of conducting themselves, and showing them that any form of illegal activity will have consequences that could seriously spoil their adult lives. I run, or help run, 2 youth club sessions at East Wittering Youth Centre, where we are currently attracting over 40 youngsters each week. The relationship that I build with those youngsters plays a massive part in how they develop as young adults.

I hope that this brief snapshot gives you an insight into what my job involves, and I leave you with a promise that if I can't help, I will know someone who can.

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www.sussex.police.uk
Non Emergency Number: 101

NHS Direct:
www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
Call: 111

Parish Council Precept

The precept is money collected by the District Council on behalf of the Parish Council via your council tax bill.

In addition to the loan payments for the money borrowed to contribute towards the Bookers Lane Flood Alleviation Scheme, the Parish Council is looking to build several reserves to protect and replace in due course the assets that it owns.

Therefore, your Parish Council has made the difficult decision to increase the parish council precept going forward from 1st April 2014.

The Parish Council tax charge for a band D property will be £35.93 p.a. compared with £32.81 p.a. This is equivalent to 69 pence per week.

love.westsussex.gov.uk



This site allows you to review and submit environmental issues (including pot holes!) and have 'Love West Sussex' deal with it, and then let you know how they got on. If you have a Smartphone you can download the free app.

So sign up and get reporting!!!

Schedule of Meetings

Planning Meeting—27th February

Planning Meeting & **Full Council** 27th March

Planning Meeting 24th April

Planning Meeting & **Full Council** 15th May

Planning Meeting 26th June

Planning Meeting & **Full Council** 24th July

No meeting in August

Planning Meeting & **Full Council** 25th September

Planning Meeting 23rd October

Planning Committee & **Full Council** 27th November

Planning Meeting—No meeting

Planning Meeting & **Full Council** 22nd January 2015

All meetings will commence at 7.00pm at Bracklesham Barn unless advertised to the contrary. Planning papers will be available from 6.45pm

You are always welcome to attend please. It's your Parish Council and we would welcome guidance and involvement from you.

My District



Is a service offered by Chichester District Council if you go to Chichester District Council website home page look for the above picture and enter your postcode.

You then choose what notifications you would like to receive via email . You can receive notification of planning applications near your house and be reminded to put out your bins. Your details will not be used for any other purpose.



Following one of the wettest winters on record we would ask that you return your flood survey to the Clerk after the 31st March.

We are interested in all forms of flooding and even if your house hasn't been flooded we would appreciate your data.

If you require further forms they are available at:
<http://earnleypc.org/index.php/news-2/>

Flooding in the Parish

Bookers Lane

The work carried out so far on the scheme prevented flooding of properties during the heavy rainfall over the Christmas period and although it was a nerve wracking period as the work had not been completed with the arrangements that were in place to move the water from one side of the road to the other this proved that the work carried out clearing the ditches and raising the funds had all been worthwhile.

As most of you are aware the work has commenced on the final stage of the Bookers Lane Flood Alleviation Scheme. The road closure and diversion will be in place for approximately 10 weeks. Arrangements have been made with the contractor to ensure residents are not stranded if highway flooding near First Avenue occurs whilst this work is being completed.

Almodington

Now the work has almost been completed on the Bookers Lane scheme the next priority is the highway flooding in the First Avenue area. Work will shortly commence to clear and re-grade the Grange Rife this project will cost in the region of £73,000 which has been raised via a grant from Operation Watershed and work in kind from the Environment Agency.

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS



Chris Charter lives in Somerley and is the proud owner of the Mill. He has lived in the parish for 6 years. His special areas of responsibility for the council are environmental issues (including pond warden), highway and road safety issues.



Robert Carey lives in Earnley many of you will have met him in his role as Chairman of the Bookers Lane Resident Group and Chairman of the Flood Prevention Group. His special area of responsibility for the council is not surprisingly is flooding prevention!

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