

## **Reports for Singleton and Charlton Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Jane Mayhew**

### **Playground Project**

In December I applied for two grants, Sussex Community Foundation, which was turned down and Sport England Small Grants which we are awaiting the outcome. I wrote to David Hyland at WSCC who has put us in touch with persons that can help. Viv is following up on this as I am away until end Feb.

The actions I would like to see is a repeat of the ad in the valley diary, printing and displaying the ad on the parish council notice board. Uploading the project information on our website. Setting up a just giving page with links from the PC web page and the Facebook page Peter set up.

### **Queens June Celebrations**

Can the council agree on a date and location to host the local celebrations. Any suggestions for the event most welcome. I have made enquiries about the small grant to clarify how it can be used. It was for £250 and had to be used to purchase something which could be reused in the parish. I thought a couple of pop-up gazebos which would be useful for the event and future events at the village hall. I will update if I hear anything and will follow up on my return.

**Robert Mayne**

### **Henry Smith Charity**

The Trustees of the local Singleton & Charlton Charity met in November 2021 to review applications for grants. The grants to individuals and families were distributed in December.

The funds are used to support local people and organisations.

### **Installation of a Defibrillator in Charlton Telephone Kiosk**

The painting of the kiosk has now taken place, completing the project.

The online training course for using the Defibrillator was sent out again via the Charlton WhatsApp group, although when activated the Defibrillator issues clear instructions to the user.

### **Roads, Pavements, Potholes in Charlton**

Potholes continue to be reported via the 'Love West Sussex' smartphone app and some repairs have now been undertaken by West Sussex County Council Highways Department.

### **Sussex Wildlife Trust/Levin Down**

Nothing to report.

**Tony Marshall**

### **Southern Water**

Following the email from Floyd Cooper at SW back in September, I have chased him for an update; he tends to work on a 'just in time' basis and has in the past managed to get something to me in time for meetings, so with luck I shall be able to report more fully at the meeting.

As a refresher, here is the key section of his email of 21/9/21:

There is a package of rehabilitation works currently with our contractor to progress this year as resource permit. These works have been scoped with reference to the Electroscan results, but also Operations reports and historic CCTV surveys from the past 10 or more years. It is therefore as

complete as current knowledge permits. Three of the four lengths identified by Tony are included. In addition the proposed works comprise in total:

9 sewers to be lined, 410m total

11 sewers where patch or dig repairs are to be made, 447m total length

5 manholes to be sealed

8km of further Electroskan survey from East Dean through to West Dean.

The above works represent a planned investment >£200K.

Plans attached.

### **Speed Indicator Device**

This began in service on 31 October and has gradually worked its way around the 7 posts in the parish, gathering data on speeds; it's currently in Knights Hill, from where it will return to the A286, Singleton North. With the exception of its first stint at Singleton North (before we'd worked out how to stop the display..) it has not been displaying any speeds/messages; this is so that we can gather control data against which to compare speeds once the lights are flashing.

We still need a couple of volunteers to help with the rotation of the SID; having got it down to around 20mins to complete the move from one post to the next, I'm confident that once the lights are up and flashing, it shouldn't be too difficult to find a couple more folk able to do this on a quarterly basis.

The Bluetooth data download works a treat: money well spent. I'm working on refinements to the standard reports that came with the software package that accompanied the SID.

### **Heritage Boards**

Richard Pailthorpe is pushing ahead with this, following the support shown at the last meeting. I have another meeting with him scheduled for Monday (before the meeting), so will be able to update further at that time. The plan is to get the application for funding in for the February listing.

### **Graham Zacharias**

#### **IGAS**

No developments or interactions since the last report.

### **Potholes**

Re-reported the mess on Town Lane just past the W&DM. This whole area really needs to be resurfaced as the patches never last more than a few months.

### **CHS**

To be covered in Becky's report.

### **Finance**

After a brief presentation at the 8 December meeting, an increase in the precept of 15% was agreed.

**Rebecca Trowell, Peter Williams and Barry Shrimpton – No report submitted.**

### **Vivien Nuttall - Clerk**

Finances

Balance in Current Account (17/01/22) - £7,990.59

Balance in Savings Account (17/01/22) – £7,503.33

VAT to date - £2,423.87 (not claimed)

Money Received – 0.75 Interest on Savings Account

Payments for Consideration – WSCC Clerk Salary - £744.12  
MN Electrical Services – Fix light in Defibrillator Cabinet in Charlton - £60.00  
Jacs – Gateway Signs – £477.16  
Wilbar – Installation of Gateways - £5,135.68  
Total of Payments for Consideration - £6,416.96 (VAT = £945.61)  
All above figures include VAT which will be claimed back.

### **Jeremy Hunt**

First of all, could I wish you'll a very Happy - and healthy - New Year.

**Electric Chargepoints** - The PC might have already been contacted by our partners ConnectKerb, in regard to rolling out a network of electric charge points across the County. However, I just wanted to let you know that we also have a website that sets out some FAQ's and details of how residents can register an interest of particular locations. This doesn't necessarily mean that there will be a charge point in that location, but it gives our partner, ConnectKerb, an idea of where there is an interest. Our webpage, with a link to the online form, can be found @ <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/ev-chargepoint-roll-out-in-west-sussex/>

**Operation Watershed** - Just to let you know that our award winning Operation Watershed scheme - which Singleton has already extensively benefited from - will be continuing next year.

**Eroica Britannia 2022** - Goodwood have arranged a briefing on this event for parishes on Wednesday 26th, which I presume you are aware of.

**Raughmere Farm Development, Lavant** - I realise this is out of your parish, but as it has the potential to impact on the strategic gap between Chichester and Lavant I just wanted to let you know that the Public Enquiry (virtual) is scheduled to start on 8th February. CDC are arranging and will - hopefully - be updating everyone with the details shortly.

**Community Highways Schemes** - I have been discussing this with our new Area Highways Manager and I will update you at the meeting.

**Gullies on A286** - I reported your concerns regarding the blocked gullies on the A286 through the village, but to date I am still awaiting an update as to when these might be looked at. I know our jetting team are incredibly busy - in fact I saw them working in Lavant Road at 11pm recently - so I will chase this again today. If I hear anything further I will update you at the meeting.

**WSCC Budget 2022/23 & MTFs 2022/23 - 2025/26** - Our proposed budget has now been finalised and will be presented at Public Cabinet for approval on 1st February, before being presented for final approval at full council on Friday 18th February. The papers for the Cabinet meeting, including our budget and capital programme, will be published on our website later this week.

**WSCC Fire and Rescue Service** - Just a reminder that the consultation in regard to proposed improvements to our F&RS closes this **Friday, 21st January**. The service is proposing to increase firefighter availability at some stations, to better align its resources to the risks within the county. This will allow the service to enhance its emergency response, as well as its vital prevention and protection activity within the community.

The proposals are set out in the service's draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), which outlines the fire and rescue service's key priorities over the course of the next four years.

The proposals include:

1. Enhancing our retained (on-call) operating model
2. Weekend protection, prevention and response improvements
3. Improving protection, prevention and response performance in rural areas
4. How WSFRS should deal with false alarms from automatic fire systems
5. When we should review our Emergency Response Standards
6. How WSFRS proposes to undertake a review of our specialist appliance requirements to consider current and future risks to firefighter and public safety

The service is now calling on residents from all corners of the county to have their say on its improvement proposals for the future of the service. **The consultation closes on 21st January 2022.** For further details go to: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-the-future-of-your-fire-and-rescue-service/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-the-future-of-your-fire-and-rescue-service/)

**Town and Parish Newsletter** - a reminder to make sure you read our monthly Town and Parish Newsletter - which I'm sure your Parish Clerk forwards to you.

I know I mentioned these last time, but just a reminder that we also publish an **Environment and Climate Change Newsletter**, so hopefully you receive that as well. We have also recently published our **Annual Climate Change Report** which can be found at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/16649/climate\\_change\\_annual\\_report.pdf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/16649/climate_change_annual_report.pdf)

And finally, a reminder to keep up with all our latest news releases and our campaigns which can be found at: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/news-and-campaigns/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/news-and-campaigns/)

### **Henry Potter**

Not too much to report on as there hasn't been much activity over the festive season.

The Council Meeting next Tuesday will receive the first report from the Climate Change Panel. This was set up and a CC Officer appointed to steer the Council towards the Governments directive to reduce Carbon emissions and the first report makes it clear that not all of the aspirations can be realised without a huge investment in infrastructure. As an example, the Council are set to order two new fully electric Refuse Freighters among other replacements of conventional Freighters. This is because the electrical installation to the Westhampnett Services Depot does not have the capacity for any more. There are small electric vans also taking charging at the Depot. I can see this being a severe handicap to the WSCC proposal to invest in hundreds of on street charging points without appropriate increases in capacity.

Time will tell!

It has been noted that Southern Water are at least admitting to its failings in dealing with waste water. A problem overflowing of sewers in Westhampnett, and the need to use tankers as a means of prevention, is unexpectedly being addressed by replacing a stretch of half a kilometre of pipework between the Crossroads by the Old School House and the mini roundabout east of Everymans Garage. This work is scheduled to begin at the beginning of February and is expected to take 12 weeks. I've no clear details but I can imagine it will surely affect the operation of the Refuse Tip for at least a couple of weeks.

Also, a recent Planning Application for housing was refused based on the admission by Southern Water that there was insufficient capacity for any more connections to Appledram Treatment Works. In light of this, our Planning Officers working on the Chichester Local Plan Review now have the necessary Evidence that the 625 new dwellings demanded by Central Government cannot be

accommodated in the District outside of the SDNP. The potential is now for closer to 500 homes and this may yet reduce as other failings in the infrastructure are investigated.

Ultimately it will be the Planning Inspectorate who makes the final decision if the reviewed Plan is acceptable.

The Council have received a further £5 million in funding to support local businesses as we gradually (seriously hope so) and finally emerge from this dreadful Pandemic.

The Government have finally responded to the Julian Glover Review of National Parks and AONBs in England, published in September 2019 and the SDNPA will formulate its own response from Members at a meeting in Midhurst on 27th of this month.

Having read the Review and noted the recommendations, it is clear that more Government funding will be needed in the future. It is still not clear how much the SDNPA will receive in the next and subsequent 2 years beginning April 1st!

And that concludes my report for January.