

County Councillor Report

9th January 2024 – Full Council meeting

This will be quite a short report but it's been a very busy period for the County Council.

The background is that it's been road closure and floods all over this Christmas period and if this weather continues, I can only advise all to check web sites before they venture far.

We have had a lot of trees falling and blocking roads as well, which of course can be very hazardous to the driver or rider who has no idea a tree is across the road just around the corner. I can only urge all to drive with great care in this very bad weather. I have actually seen floods where I have never seen them before, like for instance the road the A283 that goes from Petworth to Fittleworth. At the bottom of the Shimmings Hill, where the Petworth Brook was flooding across the road. Born here I have never seen it flood there.

We start the new year at County with County Plan and Budget workshops and that is going to be quite tough. All things are a priority to one or the other of us in our divisions and we have to try and fight our corner whilst understanding the real tight budget we have. We will win some, lose some but at least we will get the chance to have our say on County issues.

At the moment we don't have many County Planning issues to come to committee and our next meeting only has a right of way diversion out of this district.

As ever please get in touch if you want my assistance on any issue.

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