

District Councillor Address May

Local Updates:

Hawthorn Cottage (Loxwood) – An application has now been submitted and is awaiting validation. Charles and I are keeping close contact with officers and will update as and when it is validated. The developer has also been in contact and is keen to work with the community to ensure it is a development in keeping with the village. Until full plans are seen we cannot comment further but will work in the interests of the whole community.

Loxwood Shop Development – The shop development has now begun and as previously reported is under offer. Lots of rumour circulating on social media as to what the shop will be. As far as we are aware it is still a grocery store but have asked officers to maintain contact with the developer for clarification. We will update as we know more.

Northchapel Shop – Great news that the local shop in Northchapel opened back up on Saturday 29th June. Residents are delighted with this news, and it appears the new owner has worked closely with the community to provide the type of shop it needs. There was a great local turnout for this at the grand re-opening. We wish the new owners much luck and happiness on their new venture in Northchapel.

Crouchlands Development – As anticipated an appeal has gone in for the refusal on the two housing developments and non-determination on the farm regeneration application. We are currently awaiting further information on this appeal which officers are hoping to hold locally and is likely to take up to two weeks for the hearing. The key issue is finding a venue which can hold the number of residents that will rightly want to attend. We both campaigned against this development which we did not feel was right for the community and will continue to fight this development.

Supporting Community Events – Charles volunteered at last month's Loxwood Village Fete. On Saturday 29th June Gareth attended the Loxwood Youth Football tournament and presented trophies to the winning Teams. On Saturday 6th July he will be MCing the Loxwood School Fete and helping tidy up the North Chapel Fete. Great to see so many community events across the ward in June, July and August!

CDC Wide Updates:

Planning

On 12th July the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) is coming to interview councillors regarding their ongoing review of how the planning service can be improved at Chichester District Council.

General Election

There is a general election on Thursday 4th July. Residents are reminded that they need to bring photographic ID to vote. Also to note Loxwood Ward now falls under the newly formed Arun and South Downs Constituency

Climate Change Consultation

CDC have been working with a developer to create a brand-new consultation platform that will meet the council's needs. CDC are really pleased that this has been developed in time for the council's climate change consultation. The new platform is much easier for respondents to use, and allows CDC the ability to include videos, images and maps to help explain things and consult with people. The survey will go live on 1 July at:

<https://letstalk@chichester.gov.uk/climatechange/participate>

You can also find out more information about the consultation at:

<https://letstalk@chichester.gov.uk/climatechange>

CDC are keen for you to complete the consultation and let them know your thoughts. They are running a prize draw that people can enter at the end of the survey to win a £500 sustainable prize.

MOTs

CDC are pleased to tell you that people will be able to book MOTs on their website from 2 July. This is something that they have been able to introduce and develop thanks to the fact that they moved the website into the Cloud. This is going to make it even easier for customers to book their MOT and access services. Once this project is complete, they will then look at enabling people to book Taxi Knowledge tests online. They keep you posted!

Arun and Chichester Citizens' Advice (ACCA) new drop-in service on Thursday mornings in Midhurst

People needing advice and information can now see the local Citizens' Advice service in Midhurst. They have started offering a drop-in service at the Grange Centre (GU29 9HD) on Thursdays between 9.30am - 12.30pm (except Thursday 18 July). It is offered on a first come first serve basis, so there may be a short wait if arriving after the first client of the day.

District Councillor Surgeries:

Cllr. Gareth Evans is available to meet residents face to face via one of his regular surgeries. Gareth will be available at the advertised venues from 12pm-2pm:

Saturday 13th July 2024 - Plaistow Stores, Plaistow

Saturday 24th August 2024 - The Stag Inn, Balls Cross

Saturday 7th September 2024- Kirdford Stores, Kirdford

Saturday 21st September 2024 - Old Mill Café, WisboroughGreen

Should the suggested dates not be suitable for you or there are any other reasons preventing you from attending then it is possible to arrange home visits, telephone calls or zoom meetings.

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