

## October 2024 District Council Address

### Local Updates

**Crouchlands Development** – No further updates at this stage. The Planning Appeal inquiry is ongoing from 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October and we hope to be able to provide an outcome shortly afterwards.

**Lagoon 3** – The preliminary hearing of the defendant's appeal took place on 19<sup>th</sup> September at Lewes Crown Court. This hearing was primarily administrative to discuss deadlines for submission of documentation and to set the date for the final hearing. This will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Lewes Crown Court.

**Local Plan** – The Local Plan examination is currently underway in the Committee Rooms at Chichester District Council and will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of October before a break, resuming on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The timetable (subject to change) and useful information about observing or watching the livestream can be found on the CDC website here:

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanexaminationstatements>

**Land West of Cornwood (Townfield), Kirdford** – The developer of this very long running application has now provided documents for a revised scheme, reducing the number of dwellings from 70 to 50 (amongst other changes). We are in regular contact with the officer dealing with this application and will continue to push for a determination before the end of this year and bring this to a close for residents of Kirdford.

**Loxwood Shop** – Antler Homes have confirmed that they have exchanged contracts with a purchaser for the retail premises and that they expect to issue a press release with details of the shop owner in the very near future.

### CDC Wide Updates

**Cabinet & Committee Changes** – a small number of Cabinet Member and Committee Member changes were announced at the CDC Full Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October:

- **David Betts** becomes Vice-Chair of the Council
- **John Cross** becomes Cabinet Member for Sport, Place & Culture
- **Harsha Desai** becomes Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Communication & Events
- **Oona Hickson** becomes Cabinet Member for Housing, Revenue & Benefits
- **Stephen Jonson** becomes Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee

**Pension Credits Campaign** – The Council is currently one of a number of organisations running a campaign encouraging those aged over State Pension age to check to see if they are eligible for Pension Credits and the Winter Fuel Allowance. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit> to check your eligibility or call our Supporting You team on 01243 534860.

**Community Orchards Funding** - Grants are now available to plant more community orchards across the District in public spaces. A total of £9,000 is available, as part of the second round of the Tree Chichester District Community Orchard initiative. The fund is open until Friday 17 January and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. It will help to pay for trees and items, such as stakes, cages and tree ties. All planting must be completed before the end of March 2025. Those wishing to apply should request an application for by emailing: [treescHEME@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:treescHEME@chichester.gov.uk)

### **Stopham Mount**

We're launching a crowdfunding campaign this month to help us keep a rare local Saxon find within Chichester District.

The rare Anglo-Saxon gold and garnet pyramidal sword mount, which was discovered in 2022 near Stopham in the Chichester District, dates back to 600-700 AD and is only the second of its kind to be found in West Sussex.

If successful in crowdfunding, the local treasure would be displayed in the Novium museum's first-floor gallery, within an area dedicated to Saxon history. The gallery is free of charge to visit, making the piece accessible to all.

The crowdfunding campaign will run until Tuesday 19 November.

[www.thenovium.org.uk/stophamtreasure](http://www.thenovium.org.uk/stophamtreasure)

### **Surgeries**

Cllr. Gareth Evans is available to meet residents face to face via one of his regular surgeries. Winter surgery dates will be advertised shortly.

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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