

Local Updates

Loxwood Shop – This has been confirmed to be a Budgens and a licence was approved for the shop to sell alcohol until 11pm. This does not necessarily mean the shop will remain open until 11pm but it does mean that it gives it the best chance to be a viable business. The overwhelming message from the community is that they want a shop in Loxwood so it's important the council supports it to achieve that.

Townfield – Earliest it will come to the planning committee will be April. There is likely to be a period of further consultation following submission of further information from the applicant re water neutrality, land use plan and design and access.

The Foresters Arms, Kirdford– Reopening this month and delighted to see this community hub back in action and wish them the best in their venture.

Fairhurst, Plaistow Road – We were contacted about potential development without planning permission. CDC have confirmed this was not the case and the work is to remedy a fuel leak. The environmental agency went to review the situation on Thursday 30th January.

Wisborough Green Street Naming – We supported the Parish Council in overturning an officer proposal to create two street names on the Stable Field development which has 8 dwellings. We could not understand the need to create two street names on a small development site. Ultimately the officer agreed to the single name of Barnfield Shaw

Neighbourhood Plans – Parish Councils and community volunteers have started work on neighbourhood plans in several of our Parishes.

CDC Wide Updates

Local Plan– We have now received the post hearings letters from the inspectors. The letter is positive news for the local plan but there is still work to do, particularly on modifications requested by the inspectors and subsequent consultations. We are hopefully the local plan can be adopted by the council in late summer.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation – We are awaiting the government's response to West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton and Hove's request to become a strategic Mayoral authority. We will continue to update as information becomes available.

Petworth House Laser Show - On the 15th February there will be an exciting Laser Show and illumination at Petworth house. The two performances accompanied by music of around twenty minutes will start at 5.30pm and 6.45pm. Petworth House will also be free to visit on the day between 10.30am and 3.30pm

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 8th February, Stag Inn, Ebernoe, 12 to 2pm

Saturday 1st of March, Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green, 12 to 2pm

Saturday 15th of March, Northchapel Club, Northchapel, 12 to 2pm

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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