

## **District Council Address – June**

### **Local Updates**

**Hawthorne Cottage, Loxwood** – The revised application for 18 dwellings is due to be heard at the CDC Planning committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are pleased to see that the developer has worked with the Parish Council to address their concerns with the previously submitted application.

**Land at Loxwood Place** – We have asked the case officer for a progress update on the application for 223 homes, plus Class E employment use, at the land behind Loxwood Farm Place in Loxwood.

**Land South of Common House Road, Plaistow** – Officers are assessing the latest application for 15 dwellings on this site, which previously had a very similar application refused. Whilst Charles is unable to comment, as Chair of the Planning Committee, Gareth remains able to support residents and the Parish Council in opposing the proposals.

**West Sussex County Council** – Following the May elections, it was confirmed at their Annual Council meeting that West Sussex County Council will be run by a group comprising of the Liberal Democrats, Labour, Green Party and an Independent. The group will be known as the 'Alliance for West Sussex'. The Council Leader will be Jay Mercer (Lib Dem) and the Chair of the Council will be Donna Johnson (Selsey Local Alliance).

**Local Government Reorganisation** – The government consultation, on a revised proposal that would combine Chichester, Mid-Sussex, Horsham and Crawley into a proposed new Unitary Authority and Arun, Adur and Worthing into another Unitary Authority is now live at the following link: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/west-sussex-two-unitary-proposal-modification/>  
For Parishes in Loxwood Ward this may actually be better than the previous proposals, as we often feel closer to Horsham & Crawley (or Surrey!) than we do to Chichester. Please do make your views known to the Government.

### **CDC Wide Updates**

**Public Bins & Recycling** – A project has been launched at CDC to include reassessing litter bin locations, installing new bins in highly used areas and devising a behaviour change campaign aimed at encouraging more people to take their litter home so that it can be more effectively sorted and recycled. The district currently has around 600 litter bins and 250 dog mess bins and combined these are emptied 134,000 times a year. Initial analysis has highlighted that while some bins are extremely well used, there are others that are not well used, which could possibly be re-sited.

**Food Waste Collections** - Our new food waste collection service has now been successfully rolled out across the district. Uptake has been excellent, with around 80% of households actively taking part. Although this level of participation has been higher than expected, and

we have experienced some early teething issues, additional resources have been put in place in response and the service is now settling in well.

Thanks to the strong support of our residents, we are already making a significant impact, with over 400 tonnes of food waste recycled since collections began in March.

Collections for flats and properties with shared bins are being introduced separately and are scheduled to begin later this autumn.

**Housing Matters Roadshow** - Residents across the Chichester District are being invited to get free housing advice as part of Chichester District Council's Housing Matters Roadshow, which is visiting communities throughout the summer and autumn.

The roadshow will make it easy for residents and landlords to speak directly with housing officers, ask questions, and find out about the wide range of housing support available.

Members of the council's Housing team will be attending a series of local events, markets and community days, offering informal face-to-face advice on everything from social housing and private renting to energy efficiency and access to grants to deliver adaptations for disabled residents. The roadshow will be at **North Hall in Loxwood from 2pm-6pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Surgeries**

Cllr. Gareth Evans is available to meet residents face to face via one of his regular surgeries.

Gareth plans to start the next round of his surgeries shortly. Look out for the dates on Facebook or in our next update.

If these dates and times do not suit it is also possible to arrange home visits, telephone calls or zoom meetings.

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