

Reports for Singleton and Charlton Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 16th November 2022

Graham Zacharias

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Nothing new to report.

Potholes

The area on the A286 just through the village in the direction of Midhurst is once again in a poor state with various defects in need of repair. Several already reported but may need a more substantial, lasting work-over. Town Lane recently closed for repairs.

Tree Licence

Having submitted all the necessary forms in mid September, I have just received a response from one of CDC's tree people to say that the location maps didn't download and what trees did we want to plant (we were advised not to be specific on tree species as the tree specialist would advise the most appropriate planting!). I've re-sent the original planned location guides and reminded them that they are supposed to be telling us what we can/should be planting. No response yet. SNAFU.

Finance

The proposed budget for 2023/24 will be discussed at the meeting.

Other

I am pleased to say that Mat Chesshire has put himself forward as a potential councillor and will make a short presentation to the PC at the November meeting.

Rebecca Trowell

Playground

We are pleased to see that phase 1 playground equipment has arrived and the installers are busy finishing off the final installation of the goal, basketball net and the swings. We undertook a further community update on Thursday 10th November. We have great support from the audience (parents, grandparents and children attended) and handed out the presentation for people to take with them. We are now in the process of finalising the supper night and other fundraising activities to raise the final funds for phase 2.

Accessibility Project

We have sent all the project details to Mike Dare to assist with obtaining the license for the proposed work. We have tried to gain contact with Chris Patterson to review the CIL application with us.

Robert Mayne

Henry Smith Charity

The main Henry Smith charity has confirmed the funding for 2022 and advised us that we have been successful in our application for a Supplementary Grant for this year. The amount granted includes £1,000 for the playground project.

The funds are used to support local people and organisations.

Disconnection of the Singleton Telephone Kiosk from the electricity supply

We are still waiting for BT's contractor to complete this task.

Roads, Pavements, Potholes in Charlton

Potholes continue to be reported via the 'Love West Sussex' smartphone app and repairs are periodically undertaken by West Sussex County Council Highways Department.

Barry Shrimpton

Pond

This has been cleared as per the guidance from Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Tony Marshall

Heritage Boards

The boards have been delivered and Richard Pailthorpe is liaising with RM and TM with regard to mounting them in the agreed positions.

Vivien Nuttall

Finance Report

Finance Balance in Current Account (14/11/22) **Not including Reserves below** - £9,086.88

Playground Reserves held in Current Account - £20,669.88

(Invoices due for Playground - £12,897.51 excluding VAT)

Accessibility Project Reserves held in Current Account - £5,500.00

Donation from Sussex Martyrs - £2,000.00

CIL Money - £4,198.54

Total in Current Account – £41,455.30

Balance in Savings Account (18/07/22) – £7,003.00

Money Received – Part Payment of CDC Grant for the Playground £8,029.00 (included in figures above)

VAT Not Claimed - £3,550.28

Henry Potter

The District Local Development Plan Review after a long extensive process is in the final stages. This was detailed in a note from Andrew Frost sent to all Parishes in the Planning area. Agreement has been reached with National Highways regarding the mitigation proposals for the A27. These do not support the current allocation of 625 dwellings per annum, more likely in the lower 500s. An emerging strategy for the treatment of waste water and a Flood Risk Assessment by Southern Water has been accepted. It is anticipated that the Review will be agreed by Full Council in mid January and will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate in March.

The Council eagerly awaits a decision on the recent application to the Government Prosperity Fund and the Levelling Up Fund for funding for infrastructure projects.

The Supporting You Campaign is fully operational since 01/11 and staff have been appointed to offer help to anyone suffering any hardship due to the financial crisis currently being experienced. Recent reports indicate this may go on for a lot longer than first anticipated. Any help available can be accessed at; supportingyou@chichester.gov.uk. Or telephone; 01243 534860.

Encouragingly, I read in a Planning Appeal decision notice that the Planning Inspectorate recently dismissed a Planning appeal against the Councils refusal to allow 30 plus houses on a site in Bosham. One of his reasons for dismissal was that the agricultural land, the site, was graded as 3a which means Best Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land and there is NO justification to permit development on such land where there are more suitable sites available. A strong point worth noting in future planning applications.

The recent announcement regarding the Boundary Commissions final decision on the redistribution of our electoral Constituency numbers to ensure each MP has similar numbers of electors. With the perpetual rise in built and occupied housing, this seems to need regular reviewing. It is apparent that little reviewal is necessary in the north where little development has taken place. This is clearly a case of really bad planning distribution. The District Council will debate this Boundary Change proposal at its next Meeting on 22nd of this month before making a submission to the current 4 week consultation period. This proposal doesn't affect the District Ward boundaries but many of the existing Chichester parliamentary Constituencies may move to the Arundel and South Downs area.

