

County Report for Parishes, October 2017

There is a consultation from DCLG on Housing. Called Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places, it will almost certainly be something your Parish might like to respond to.

Deadline 11.45pm on the 9th November

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-right-homes-in-the-right-places-consultation-proposals>

A Flooding exhibition is being held on the 6th October for Littleton and the Worthys. I hope to have the boards available the week afterwards online and for exhibition.

Autumn brings many planning applications, and the South Downs National Park Local Plan is out for consultation until the 21st November. Please look at it even if you are not in SDNP- it may have implications for your parish. Go to www.southdowns.gov.uk The consultation link is on the front page.

Massive tree removal is due to take place at Abbotstone this winter. I have more details if you require them and expect the work to take place in January. This is being done to satisfy a stewardship scheme which has just 3 years left to run. The work was supposed to be done gradually, but left until now.

Tt2019 is the Headline for the Budget reductions at HCC. The total reduction is £140m.

To date: Environment, Transport & Economy: £19.05, Countryside, Culture & Services (incl Libraries) £6.3m
Children's Services: £30.1m, Adult Services £59m

You will be kept abreast of cuts to services that will affect the public as each item goes to 'consultation'. Personally, I believe that the effects of the cuts are showing already: I am seeing decisions being made whatever the consultation responses, and answers to simple queries seem to take even longer as officers' posts cover a wider range of responsibility.

The Cart and Horses junction decision day result can be seen in this paper:

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/g438/Public%20reports%20pack%2019th-Sep-2017%2014.30%20Executive%20Member%20for%20Environment%20and%20Transport%20Decision%20Da.pdf?T=10>

Or you can search Decision Day for Environment and Transport on www.hants.gov.uk for the 19th September 2017. The decision was taken not to enforce the 'no right turn' or 'no U-turn' at this time, but to go forward with a 40mph limit and some street lighting (subject to consultation), install CCTV to watch activity there, make the consideration of a STOP line on the west-side road and a feeder lane for traffic going north from the west. I await progress with interest.

On the 3rd October I visited the Skanska depot (the one at Bishop's Waltham) to meet Matthew Riches, the Business Manager at Skanska, the new partner of HCC. Email: matthew.riches@skanska.co.uk
The new service is being branded 'Hampshire Highways' and is trying to go digital, including the reporting of potholes etc. I queried how this can be done more easily for faults on rural roads where the position cannot be made clear enough... So, this may not work but...

To log faults on this system, record the fault on your camera. That will provide the system with site information from your camera, so they know where the fault is.

I also asked why they cannot be much faster and pro-active about hedges and trees- and will await the full reply with interest.

To log your road /footway/hedge problems, please go to www.hants.gov.uk/roads and follow the prompts. I think the new website is much clearer now it is complete- do you agree?

I will be sending out a separate **briefing on school funding** following new NFF announcement, next week.

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