

May I start with apologies?

- a) I am unsure whether I will attend/stay this evening. Not sure what is going on but my husband had his flu booster on Friday and seems to have had a dose of actual flu ever since (I know this isn't possible so perhaps it was a strong immune response or he was already sickening). Today our son has become very unwell which may or may not be related. I don't want to leave him alone for long unless he rallies in the meantime.
- b) I completely forgot the litter pick on Sunday until more than half-way through. My mind has been very preoccupied with a VAT compliance check which has been looming for a few weeks and was booked for this Monday. Inspector said it would be a one hour interview over the phone but actually took 2.5 hours and not finished because he admitted he had forgotten to ask for copies of bank statements. I think I've just been very anxious about this and will be glad when done.

1 Full Council – ADC Sep 14<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

This was originally deferred as a mark of respect to our late Queen. When we reconvened, there were two main items for debate. Firstly, the proposal to add a further £3 million to the levelling up bid for BR for the Regis Centre and further money to facilitate the deal with Whitbread to surrender their lease on the Brewers Fayre pub. There has been quite a bit about this in local press so I won't labour the point. Also debate around declaring a 'Cost of Living Emergency in Arun' which fell but is being taken up by Housing & Wellbeing Committee.

2 Planning Policy at ADC – Sep 21<sup>st</sup>

Possibly the shortest ever meeting. Very little to discuss whilst we wait to hear more from central Government about planning reforms. The Local Plan review remains in abeyance and will probably remain so until after the May 2023 elections I'm guessing. The most important issue considered at the meeting was to approve the funding for external help for ADC with regard to the A27 Arundel scheme where we need consultants to advise.

3 Shripney meet your Councillors stand – Sunday Sep 25<sup>th</sup>

Not as well attended as the previous one – possibly because of the closeness in dates. Good discussions with the residents who did attend. Main item to take forward for me is the Community Speedwatch scheme. Will get onto this next week as a lot going on this week.

4 Economy at ADC – 27<sup>th</sup> Sep

Main item related to approving the BR BID's intention to go forward with a ballot for a second 5-year term. Cllrs felt the BID had been very successful and warmly endorsed this.

5 Housing & Wellbeing at ADC – Sep 12<sup>th</sup> & Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

'Special' or extra meeting to approve urgently scoping works for improving the Arun Leisure Centre wet change facilities and community warden(s) for Bognor Regis which will include Parishes. Main meeting was preceded by a presentation from our Interim Housing Manager on the Council vision for its housing stock and service to tenants. Main business was to review various strategies & policies.

6 Local case. Earlier this year I acted as a Designated Person under the Localism Act for a local tenant and we concluded his complaint/case successfully. Although this function effectively finished on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022, I am involved in a further case for him which I understand we can continue. I have put my recommendations to officers and await their response.

7 Bersted Advisory Group – I have chased up a meeting and understand all groups will be given a response later this month as to the way forward. Nothing to report at this stage though.