

Community, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee (CHESC) – 21st September

At this meeting, we looked at the South East Strategic Investment Plan (Transport). This plan tries to tie together different transport providers including upper tier authorities and public transport providers, to encourage long term thinking.

Comments were made around

- Impact on the local road network (specifically A29 and A27)
- Cost of public transport
- Aspirations and vagueness of the plan
- Impact from local planning authority decisions on the long term plan.

We also looked at the WSCC Climate Change Strategy Delivery Update. This was a fascinating update and insight into the great progress being made by WSCC to meet our net zero commitments, by 2030. Whilst the County Council is delivering on climate action projects, at the same time masses of work is ongoing to “account” for the amounts of CO₂ our assets and operations generate. This is quite complex as there is no national standard, however a baseline is being worked on by operation. This baseline will allow projects to have a net carbon saving figure and prioritised to what has the greatest impact etc. Despite what some might say, it was great to receive the reassurance that the County Council takes these matters very seriously and is doing everything it can to meet our commitments.

Street Art Meeting – 30th September

I was contacted by a local artist who asked for a meeting. At the meeting I listened to ideas and we discussed how the town might be able to accommodate street art. Not being that of graffiti tags, but perhaps spaces that artists could legally paint. Perhaps this is an area that the Parish Council might like to explore?

Tree Planting Bartons School – 30th September

I was invited as a guest to Bartons Primary School to help plant a tree in remembrance of Her Late Majesty. This tree was a magnolia known as “Elizabeth”, very fitting. This tree was planted in the new outdoor area of the playground. I was also able to meet the School Council and will listen out with interest for their future projects!

Bee/Butterfly Hotel Donations

As members will know, since my election, I made it a priority to get to know my local schools. Over the summer, I purchased four Bee/Butterfly Hotels, which I have (or will have) donated to the local primary schools in my division. So far, they’ve been gratefully received!

Chalcroft Lane/ West Meads Drive Proposal launch. – 3rd October

I raised this at the recent planning committee. I have started consulting with the local community about a Community Highways Scheme (CHS) for the roads above. Working with concerned residents a proposal of Speed Cushions has gone out for public comment. For a CHS to be formally submitted to WSCC, “community support needs to be gathered”. This is what I am doing. I have reached out Bersted, Aldwick and Bognor Regis (Town) Councils asking for support also.

This has been a constant area of complaint for me since my election and truth be told, it’s been an issue long before that. However, someone has to pick the mantle and try to tackle the issue and that’s what I want to try to do. I’m trying to be pragmatic with the proposal, but will listen to the views of the community and accommodate all views where possible.

Keir Greenway Report – September

County Council Report

Shripney Op Watershed Site Meeting – 18th August

Myself and Cllr Yeates had a site meeting with residents to discuss the flooding issues for which an Op Watershed application is required. Many photos were taken to support our application. As I write this (3rd September), I am awaiting a response from the EA on their position, before we hold a meeting to discuss actions.

Trees Estate Clear Up – 25th August

Arun District Council held a clean up event in the Trees Estate. Joined by Biffa, Osborn and residents, we cleared a lot of litter from the streets and large bulky items were taken away.

Residents' meetings to discuss local speeding concerns on Chalcraft Lane and West Meads Drive - Various

I've recently had residents reach out to me about my shared concern about speeding on West Meads Drive and Chalcraft Lane. I am working with residents to put together a proposal to improve the situation.

Meeting with Highways Manager to discuss various highways concerns - 26th August

Met with Mike Thomas, our local Area Highways Manager, in Shripney to discuss various highways concerns in Bersted.

Bognor Town Council Planning committee meeting – 30th August

Attended BRTC's planning committee meeting where we discussed speeding and the possibility of the Town Council, following the commitment by Bersted Parish Council, committing to purchasing a Speed Indicator Device. More to follow.

Bognor Regis Library Discovery Day – 31st August

It was a pleasure to attend the Discovery Day at Bognor Regis Library. It was a well-attended event, where residents could find out more about the wide range of services offered at our libraries. (It's not just books!)

This included information about the digital library services, where you can research your family history, free weekly activities for under 5s and much more!

Streetworks members briefing – 1st September

Councillor briefing held on Streetworks which discussed how disruption is managed through the permit system and what WSCC are planning to do to speed up utilities works.

I'll leave it there for now. Any questions, please let me know.

Keir Greenway - Parish Council Report - October

Litterpick – Romney Broadwalk / Van Gogh Area – 18th September

Litterpick still went ahead with low turnout, given the ongoing mourning period. Still managed to clear 4 bags of litter from the area.

Shripney Stand – 25th September

Further to the last meeting, residents were updated with developments and any new concerns were raised.

Bersted Brooks – 9th October

Volunteers litter picked the area and mulched our young fruiting trees. More volunteers the better. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping out.

Litterpick – Bersted Park – 9th October

9 residents came out to support the event. Area was notably clean, did manage to pick up 4 sacks worth of litter.

Parish Council Report:- September

Councillor Stand – 16th August

Attended the Councillor stand and spoke to Bersted Park residents about various issues.

Community Litterpick – 28th August

BR Community Cleans held an event in Hotham Park. As an organisation supported by the Parish Council, I joined the group and volunteers to clear the park.

Willow Pond clearance – 28th August

Lead by Cllr Spencer, I spent a few hours assisting with the clearance. What an effort. It now looks brilliant. Well done to the volunteer group.