

Keir Greenway Report – December

County Council Report

Rainfall/Flooding – November

November saw an enormous amount of rain hit the Southeast. 156mm for the region, 211% of the normal November average. Locally this meant the Aldingbourne Rife levels rose. I had been keeping a constant eye on the water levels throughout the Flood Alert period. With this much rain, local roads were impacted. The A29 through Shripney being one. I was in close contact with highways to see what action could be taken to minimize disruption. I'm pleased that a job has been raised to flush out ~37 drains throughout Shripney and Lidsey, outside the cyclical maintenance.

West of Bersted application

Members will be aware that the application for the Strategic Site in Bersted has been lodged (2,200 dwellings). I have, as one of your County Councillors, arranged meetings with County officers to discuss my concerns and discuss their initial responses for County related departments. Education is (if not already) planning to lodge an objection, based on the lack of secondary school allocation in Arun. Highways have asked for more information, due to the lack of detail in the application papers. WSCC as Lead Local Flood Authority had to ask for clearer documents as the scans were unclear on Arun's portal, this has now been received and I will arrange a meeting after these documents have been absorbed.

Bognor Regis Fire Station open day – 26th November

I was pleased to attend the Fire Station Open Day. This was extremely well attended by residents on a reasonably mild November weekend to support our Fire Service. The Fire Service in Bognor Regis is short on Retained Firefighters, I welcomed the opportunity to listen to fire personnel on their views on possible solutions.

Given the opportunity for other stakeholders to have a stand, I was particularly interested in the WORTH Services stand, which is a WSCC service for domestic and sexual abuse advise. They were especially concerned about the peaks normally seen at Christmas time and how this combines with the World Cup. If any member would like more information about this service, please let me know.

New Barn Lane Parking

Still gathering support and will update the Parish Council with any further updates.

Update on Chalcraft Lane/West Meads Drive

Still gathering support and will update the Parish Council with any further updates.

Arun West Family Hub Meeting – 5th December

It was my intention to return to the Hub after my first visit to get an update on how the Early Hub Redesign is going. I'm pleased to hear of the progress being made and the positive response to the offer for schools.

Lastly, can I also wish the Parish Council, along with other readers of this report, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Parish Council Report:-

Trees Estate walkabout – 21st November

Joined Housing officer to inspect and raise issues.

Litterpicking Rowan Way - 28th November

Christmas Fayre – 3rd December

Supported the Fayre along with most other Councillors. Thank you greatly to those that supported and facilitated this event.

Bulb Planting in Stroud Green

I worked with a local resident to plant some daffodil bulbs in our Parish Council planters, in the hope to brighten up the planters in the spring.

Barret David Wilson Homes – 6th December 2pm-7pm

Attended the public presentation to the plans for the 250 homes.