

Keir Greenway Report – December

County Council Report

Meeting with the Environment Agency – 19th December

I met with officers from the Environment Agency to discuss the Aldingbourne Rife, November rainfall and a certain supermarket car park.

Residents had asked me about the maintenance of the Rife, including the possibility of dredging. The Environment Agency is, as I write this, continuing vegetation clearing on the Rife, which will continue upstream. Unfortunately, due to the drought in the summer the levels were too low to get on the Rife to do the work.

As things stand, there aren't any plans for dredging/silt removal for the Rife. Due to the costs being too high for the small benefit that would be gained. On top of this, there would be negative impacts to the wildlife in the rife

The Environment Agency did recognise that most of the water was being stored in the right places for the most part. Including, the supermarket on Shripney Road and the surrounding floodplains. They also mentioned, again for the most part, the levels reached at "Bognor" monitoring station were within normal range.

They were keen to dispel some myths about the work of the Environment Agency and flooding in the area. For example...the pumps at Felpham are running constantly to reduce flood risk. Also, the Shripney Road Supermarket car park, at Tesco, is a recognised flood storage area and is designed to flood at certain levels.

Government has capped single bus fares

Until the end of March single bus fares are capped at £2. This includes all routes in Bersted. (Stagecoach and Compass Travel. Feedback has shown that you have to ask for singles rather than a return. Return fares are not covered and bus drivers are unlikely to advise.

Potholes

Given the time of year, potholes are cropping up thick and fast. I report as many as I can, when I come across them. I would encourage everyone to [report potholes](#) at the earliest opportunity.

New Barn Lane Parking

Still gathering support. I have a meeting booked with a small focus group of concerned residents to review comments made.

Update on Chalcraft Lane/West Meads Drive

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

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

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Litterpicking Rowan Way - 20th December