

WSCC Report - Stedham Parish Council 8th July 2021

County Councillor report

Full Council

The first full council meeting of the new Council was on 21st May when committee places were confirmed, and other roles decided.

I am back on Health and Adults Social Care Committee and also I am now on the Governance Committee. I sit on the Walking and Cycling member group advising the Cab member. A new cabinet member for Highways has been appointed. A new cabinet post for public health and well-being has been created.

Covid data

Latest data - 178 new cases in Chichester District – 1,431 new cases in West Sussex for the 7 days up to 2nd July – numbers rising.

Induction programme for all new and returning councillors

Over the last few weeks we have had an opportunity to talk to directors of all the services – a really good opportunity to raise the key issues. I raised these:

Food waste collection asking when this will finally be introduced.

Rural bus services – nationally there is a new bus back better strategy there is no new threat to rural bus services in fact a new bus partnership with bus companies should improve the network.

Rural issues – the fact that services tend to be delivered from the more dense population centres in the county – access to these for our rural residents can be a challenge.

Reducing speed limits – this was discussed at the cycling and walking member group this morning - the Lib Dem group are planning on submitting a motion to make speed limit policy more flexible and particularly looking at making it easier to change to 20mph where appropriate - residential non-through routes and near to schools.

Inevitably there was a long discussion about potholes and the quality of repairs – they hope their new contract will mean a more proactive rather than reactive approach with more resurfacing that will reduce the number of defects.

Transport

WSCC are now committed to entering into an enhanced bus partnership with all the bus companies that operate in West Sussex, this should give them access to national funding to support bus services.

They are consulting on their new Transport Plan – consultation will open later this month

My Next Drop-in – Milland Village Stores 10.30-12.30 on 12th July

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