**Chidham & Hambrook parish council**

**MAY 2022**

Village matters

PLANNING

**Update on Applications**

20/01826/FUL Mixed use development comprising 118 dwellings Land Adjoining A27 Scant Road West Hambrook Chidham West Sussex PO18 8UA

Now - Cala Homes Development

A site visit is planned with the developer. No date set yet but will finalise in May.

We continue to liaise with local residents and monitor the site.

21/00782/FUL Sea Defences Grey Thatch

21/01896/FUL

Continuing to work with residents to finalise a decision by CDC. Meeting to dates with CDC and natural England still not set due to natural England.

21/01910/OUT – Willowbrook Outline Planning

We will have an update on this for the Parish Council meeting. We have been liaising with the Officer. Natural England have put in conflicting advice.

21/02873/FUL - The Granary Barn Steels Lane Chidham West Sussex

Ward Councillors have been providing information and advice on this application to a number of residents.

As a member of the Conservancy Planning Committee Adrian Moss has been consulted via “Delegated Consultation” to committee members and a revised Conservancy response has been provided.

(Adrian Moss declares a personal interest in this application due to a family member living in the vicinity)

Hambrook Holiday Camp

Ward Councillors are checking the location of the new “Bin store” being finalised on site. The location appears to be different to the approved plans.

OTHER WARD ACTIVITY

**Local Plan**

A formal response was provided to Andy Sargent on his questions posed to the parish Council in April

At the request of a resident, we provided a briefing on the status of the Local Plan via a zoom meeting.

Residents are urged to keep up to date on the Local plan via:

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/localplannewsletter>

**Bourne Community College**

Adrian attended the STEM Enthuse Partnership Launch at Bourne Community College on Friday 1st April 2022. The partnership involves local primary schools who visit Bourne Community College to take part in a STEM themed afternoon.

**Bourne Community Bus Training Day**

Adrian Moss attended the bus training day at Thorney Island and met the Bus drivers

**Harbour Conservancy**

Penny Plant and Adrian Moss attended the Conservancy Quarterly meeting.

The Agenda and Minutes can be found here

<https://www.conservancy.co.uk/page/committees-and-meetings>

COUNCIL MATTERS

CULTURE

**Culture Spark** is delivering a range of events that we can look forward to which are all listed here: www.thegreatsussexway.org/culture-spark-2022/ . One you may be interested in is the Carnival of Lights event on 10 June. This will involve a lantern procession through Chichester with a wonderful party at the Canal Basin. It’s also worth mentioning that Petworth House is offering free entry to visitors on 12 June to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

**Easter holidays**

We welcomed over 4,000 visitors to the museum over the Easter period, with more than 200 paying to take part in our Easter Egg hunt during the first week of the school holidays and over 2500 paying to visit our headline Brick Wonders exhibition.

**200 Years of Chichester Canal**

On 28 April we welcomed Councillors and volunteers from the Chichester Ship Canal Trust to view our recently opened exhibition marking the 200th anniversary of Chichester canal. An evening talk was also given by Andrew Gibson, one of the Canal Trust volunteers, in The Guildhall.

**Chichester Roman Week** will return this May half term, from 28 May – 1 June. We’ve launched this year’s programme of events, which are available to book via our website: [www.thenovium.org/romanweek](http://www.thenovium.org/romanweek). This year our headline Roman Re-Enactment event returns for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic. Join us in Priory Park on Wednesday, 1 June from 11:00 – 16:00 for a thrilling spectacle of re-enactment displays by Legio Secunda Augusta, one of Europe’s leading Roman Re-Enactment groups.

**Festival of Chichester**

We hosted the Festival of Chichester’s Box Office launch event on the evening of Wednesday, 6 April. This year the Festival of Chichester runs from 11 June to 10 July. Events are now available to book via Chichester Box Office: <https://chichesterboxoffice.ticketsolve.com/shows?tags=foc>

BUSINESS

**St James Industrial Estate**

The cladding works to Blocks 1, 4 and 5 are 90% complete with the two remaining Blocks 2 and 3 having their cladding attached. The concrete slab works on the largest Block 1 are underway as is the work to install the internal drainage and service ducts to Blocks 3, 4 and 5 so the concrete slab works can get under way there too. Trenching works to accommodate the services into the site are to start shortly.

HOUSING

**Rough Sleeper latest position**

As of 1 April 2022 the council has 3 people sleeping rough in the district. Work continues with stakeholders and the individuals themselves to engage with them and support them into more secure accommodation where this is possible.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

**Local Plan**

As you know our Planning Policy Team have been busy moving forward with the Local Plan. The team have made significant progress with many of the outstanding elements, including the Housing and Economic and Needs Assessment, which is now published on our website, and a revised Retail Study. Other work streams are nearing completion, but these rely on the final outcome of the transport modelling that is being undertaken. This has been one of the most challenging pieces of work we have ever embarked on, mainly due to issues we have faced with the roads, water neutrality and wastewater – all issues that are not within our control.

The results from the highway modelling of the impact of the revised distribution on the A27 are due to be completed soon, which is a critical element. We are also waiting for the results from the water neutrality study, which has been commissioned by Chichester District Council, Horsham District Council, Crawley Borough Council, the South Downs National Park Authority and West Sussex County Council. This study is crucial to the plan to enable us to complete the Habitat Regulations Assessment and provide us with solutions to allow new homes to be built. Once we have these final pieces of the jigsaw we will be ready to consult and then submit the plan. You can be assured that our officers are doing everything they can to progress this important piece of work and get the very best outcome for the district.

**Neighbourhood Planning**

*Hunston Neighbourhood Plan*:

Following the completion of the examination and receipt of the Examiner’s report into the Hunston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019-2037, this report has now been published. A copy of the document is available on the Chichester District Council’s neighbourhood planning webpage under the entry for Hunston.

*Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan:*

Following the hearing held on 14 January and receipt of the Examiner’s report into the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review 2019-2037, this report has now been published. A copy of the document, along with a joint statement from Chichester District Council and Southbourne Parish Council, is available on the Chichester District Council’s neighbourhood planning webpage under the entry for Southbourne.

**Unauthorised vehicle deterrents – New Park Road and East Broyle green spaces**

Work has progressed on both sites over the last month. The physical ditch and bund along the perimeter of East Broyle has now been established. Work continues to dress and seed the bund. Work at New Park is more challenging considering the busier location. Work at site commenced on Monday 25 April with a planned duration of 3 weeks. The local communities have been kept informed throughout the process.

**CCS RCV Fleet replacement.**

Two vehicles have now been ordered from two separate contractors. The lead -time for these vehicles are quite long with an anticipated delivery of December 2022 and March 2023 for each. Minimal work is required at the depot to implement the charging arrangement for these first vehicles.