

Chairman's report – January 2012

1. Planning: BDBC Core Strategy / LDF. Attended SOLVE / CW meeting on 26th November. Main objective was to see if parish councils supported SOLVE / CW proposal to initiate a judicial review of the process which resulted in Manydown being withdrawn from the core strategy. I confirmed that CW already hold over £1000 of funds from Newnham PC and that we have already resolved to contribute a further £1 per elector to fight inappropriate development in the Loddon Valley and around Newnham. SOLVE / CW have started the judicial review process.

2. Odiham Cottage Hospital: Waiting for confirmation that OCH will open in January.

3. Traffic:

Newnham Road Pavement: No further information.

A30 Traffic Calming, Nately Scures: Awaiting information when HCC will implement the 60 mph scheme down Scures Hill.

4. Basingstoke Area Strategic Partnership Board, Sustainable Communities / Footprint Group: Attended meeting on 2nd December, notes circulated. Next meeting scheduled for 23rd February at 14:30.

I am also planning to attend the BASP Conference on 13th January for which the key themes are: 1) supporting volunteering and 2) promoting activities and opportunities for 16 – 24 year olds.

5. BDAPTC: Attended Mayor's reception on 28th November. I attended the workshop on Core Strategy and was disappointed that environment was clearly subservient to economic growth in the eyes of the Portfolio Holder.

Next meeting 23rd February at 19:30.

6. Health & Safety: Further contractor letters to be prepared.

7. Villager: Attended meeting with the Rev Jane Leese; the other funding parish councils and the editor on 17th November at which some minor changes were suggested.

After the meeting agreement was reached to increase the Editor's honorarium to £750 pa, funded (as now) by the three parish councils.

Roger Booth 5th January 2012