DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 07.11.2022

School land, Wickhurst Green

I believe Louise circulated a note to you regarding our meetings with Barbara Childs and Jane Eaton. There has been nothing to add to that, but we are discussing possible options for the land, and the best way of securing amenity provisions for all residents in Broadbridge Heath, not just Wickhurst Green. Providing a resolution to the issues with this land remains a priority for us and we will update the Council when we have some movement on this issue.

Field Place

The retrospective planning application for works to the land at Field Place came to the planning committee last week. It was recommended for approval, members on balance thought that further information on drainage and ecology was required, so the application was deferred until such information is made available. Whilst it is ongoing, we cannot give our view on the application either way, but we did support deferral and the issues residents reported to us regarding vehicle movements and dust are at the forefront of our minds when coming to our conclusions.

Lower Broadbridge Farm

With regard to the noise coming from the farm that was updated on last month, we made clear to Barbara and Jane that the current situation is completely unacceptable. They confirmed that, while the new application is going though, the compliance case has had to be put on hold. Barbara did agree to do what she could to make the processing of the current application as rapid as possible and we hope to see the enforcement of conditions back on course as soon as possible.

ANPR

We were pleased to see that the ANPR cameras have at last been installed on the bus gate. We look forward to them being fully up and running.

Our future intentions

You may have seen this weekend that we formally announced that we won't be seeking reelection this May. Nothing will change in the short term as we will continue to work for the community. We will also continue to attend/send a report to the Council until we are no longer the District Councillors for Broadbridge Heath. We thought that it was best to be transparent with residents about our long-term intentions regarding our position, hence the statement.