

Report to Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

Cnty Cllr Christian Mitchell
Monday, 4 March 2024, 7:30pm

Tree, Corsletts Avenue (Ref. 3092347)

WSCC's tree Arboriculturist inspected the tree on 12 October 2023 and I was further updated on 15 February 2024 that in accordance with WSCC's tree maintenance regime does not require any work at this time. WSCC will continue to regularly inspect the tree and will undertake any future maintenance as deemed necessary at the time.

Bus gate/Co-Op car park

WSCC Highways and HDC are working together to see what further actions can be taken and the Parish Council will soon have a briefing, the Clekr having spoken with Mr Reed on 26 February 2024.

Field Place estate (DC/21/1235 and DC/24/0220)

Officers at HDC are considering the applicant's application and proposals for an alternative site entrance and met with the applicant on 28 February 2024 on a site visit. WSCC Highways have in the past not raised a highways objection to an alternative site access.

Robinhood Lane, Warnham

For information - Robinhood Lane will be temporarily closed from Monday, 25 March 2024 for up to five days between the day-time hours of 9:30am to 3:30pm for carriageway patching works to the road. It is estimated to be completed on 25th March 2024.

Budget setting 2024/25

The council's budget for 2024/25 was agreed at a meeting of Full Council on Friday 16 February, where councillors also approved *Our Council Plan*, which sets out our priorities.

Following a public consultation, the Cabinet has confirmed its commitment to four key priority areas, underpinned by a cross cutting theme of 'protecting the environment'. The priorities are:

- Keeping people safe in vulnerable situations
- A sustainable and prosperous economy
- Helping people and communities fulfil their potential
- Making best use of resources

The extra funding includes:

- £31.2m more for vulnerable children and young people
- £18.3m more for adults' social care
- £4m extra to maintain the county's 4,000km of roads
- £27.8m to manage increased costs, as inflation levels remain high

During 2024/25 the council also plans to spend £131.6m of its £695m five-year Capital Programme. The main areas of investment being highways, schools and the environment.

At the meeting, members across all political parties debated measures that were then agreed to balance the budget for the year ahead. These include efficiency savings of £15.7m, an increase in core council tax of 2.99%, and an additional adult social care precept of 2%.

Business of the County Council

Full Council last met on Friday, 16 February 2024 to set the budget:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=136&MIId=3524&Ver=4>

The Annual Meeting of full Council is Friday, 22 March 2024 at 10:30am:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=136&MIId=3645&Ver=4>

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