

Report to Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

Cnty Cllr Christian Mitchell
Monday, 5 October 2020, 7:45pm

Matter of HGVs

The opening of the A281 from Tesco's to Sargent Way on 17 July 2020 continues to cause issues. It is clear that the plethora of signage is being wilfully ignored. Advice from WSCC highways to HDC's planning department continue to be given to address solutions.

Following my meeting on site with Mike Thomas, Highways Manager, and Stephen Reed and two other highway's officers at 9:30am on 3 September 2020 on Monday, 5 October 2020 Mike Thomas, and myself met (remotely) with District Councillors Matt Allen and Louise Potter and with Director of Place Barbara Childs and Senior Planning Officer Adrian Smith.

The bus gate will be opened. The TRO is now sealed and Satnav manufactures would now be updating their mapping software.

The issue concerning the HGV's can be addressed through a (further) TRO and that is being actively and expeditiously looked into. However, the wider and holistic matters on the unadopted road network need to be looked at which HDC are going to do.

HDC, as the planning authority, will arrange a meeting with the Parish Council imminently. Mike Thomas would like it to be, if at all possible in person with large road maps of Wickhurst Green if a that is possible for Member(s) of the Parish Council (for reason of the pandemic). Else slides of the road network can be put together by HDC. But certainly with a paper map on a table it makes it easier to talk though issues and options.

Traffic surveys in Broadridge Heath (also in Warnham and Slinfold)

There is no update on HM Government's guidance as to when these can be realistically done. It is likely that they will be done in May/June 2021 (as they were not able to be done in in May/June 2020) as part of the review of the new road scheme in Broadbridge Heath. With low traffic volumes it's not possible to assess at this stage the traffic volumes and the optimum time of year to assess is in May/June.

Business of the County Council

WSCC meetings have place upon the introduction of HM Government's Regulations (4 April 2020) to allow local government to meet and vote remotely. The Regulations continue until May 2021. Full Council met on Friday, 18 September 2020 remotely. Other committees continue to meet remotely.

Primary school applications open

Applications for children due to start primary or infant school in September 2021 opened on 5 October 2020 and stay open until 15 January 2021.

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 will be eligible to start primary or infant school next September. Parents of children currently in Year 2 at infant school are now able to apply for a place at junior school for September 2021.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online where you will receive an automatic email acknowledging that the application has been received. Free use of computers with internet access is available in all West Sussex libraries, although due to Covid-19 restrictions advanced booking is necessary. Those unable to apply online can request a form through the post by calling 033 301 42903.

Parents/carers are strongly advised to submit applications before the deadline. Those who miss the deadline must still submit an application form, as a child will not automatically be allocated a school.

Parents/carers are advised:

- To read all the advice on the West Sussex County Council school admissions webpages.
- To apply for up to three schools, listing them in order of preference.
- That a child is not guaranteed a place at a school just because they are in the catchment area. Parents and carers will need to select the catchment school as part of their application for it to be considered.
- To view a school's website for information about the school and its visiting policy, which may be virtual due to continued Covid-19 restrictions

A child starting school or moving from an infant to a junior school is an exciting time, but one cannot stress enough the importance of making sure applications are received on time. This will give a far greater chance of a preferential offer.

The closing date for all primary, infant and junior school applications is 11.59pm on Friday, 15 January 2021.

Secondary school applications are currently open for September 2021 and close on Saturday 31 October 2020.

West Sussex County Council staff are available to help parents and carers through the admissions process. Telephone 033 301 42903 or email the admissions team north: admissions.north@westsussex.gov.uk or the admissions team south admissions.south@westsussex.gov.uk

The web address for school place information and to apply is:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/

Record recycling rates in West Sussex

People in West Sussex are recycling more than ever before. New figures released by WSCC to mark national Recycle Week (21-27 September 2020) show that 53% of items we throw away are now recycled.

Government targets mean councils must now be recycling at least half of their household waste. WSCC is encouraging residents to continue this good work as it works towards future recycling targets of 55% by 2025 and 65% by 2035.

To help boost recycling rates even further residents are being reminded that their household recycling should be:

- Clean - free from food and drink leftovers - a quick rinse will usually do
- Dry - keep your recycling bin lid shut – soggy paper and cardboard can't be recycled, cause other items to stick to them i.e. broken glass, and can clog up machinery when sorted
- Loose – not tied up in plastic bags

Details of what items can and can't be recycled can be found at www.westsussex.gov.uk/recycling

The increased recycling rate, which still needs to be audited and confirmed by DEFRA, has been helped by a reduction in the amount of household rubbish thrown away.

On average West Sussex households have managed to reduce their general waste by 30kg compared to last year

The Police & Crime Commissioner Panel

The Police & Crime Commissioner Panel met (remotely) on Friday, 25 September 2020.

<https://sussexpcp.gov.uk/meetings/previous-meetings/2020-meetings/>

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