Clerk's Report
Monday 11 January 2016

Training Session

Approval is sought for the Clerk to attend the Society of Local Council Clerks Practitioners Conference in Stoke. Subjects being covered include; Payroll & Pension essentials for small councils, Insurance & Legal Implications of Trusts & Open Spaces, the Implications of Devolution on Parishes, Case Study: Preparing for the Unthinkable. Cost £249 (to be shared 50/50 with Hunston Parish Council).

Newsletter

The newsletter having been delayed from last year needs updating with the latest issues that the Parish Council has dealt with; Planning matters, environmental issues, planting at the Pond, flood issues.

CDC Consultation

Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 - Site Allocation Preferred Approach 2014-2029
The Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029 was adopted in July 2015. It sets out the planning strategy guiding the location and quantum of development over the next 15 years. It provides the framework and context for the site specific proposals contained within this and other subsequent planning documents.
The Site Allocation Preferred Approach 2014-2029 is the first formal stage in the preparation of this document. The purpose of the document is to identify specific sites to be allocated for housing and employment and other types of development in the Local Plan Area. The response to the consultation will be used to inform the Pre-submission development plan document.
There now follows a 6 week statutory consultation period from 7th January until the 18th February 2016.
Copies of the Site Allocation Preferred Approach document, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and Site Allocation Methodology and Assessment can be viewed at the Council offices, Selsey Area Office, and Chichester library or on our website www.chichester.gov.uk/siteallocation.

The Queen's 90th Birthday

Information has been circulated regarding the lighting of a beacon on 21st April 2016 for the celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday.

3 Southern Counties Devolution Bid

Attached is a progress report received from Cllr Louise Goldsmith, Leader of West Sussex County Council setting out the timescale and objectives of the Bid.
In anticipation of this moving forward, SSALC in association with the 3 County Councils, the 23 Boroughs and District Councils and the South Downs National Park, will hold a briefing and networking event at The Hawth Theatre in Crawley on Friday 11th March from 10.00am – 4.00pm attended by key speakers from local councils in Cornwall where a Devolution Agreement was signed between Cornwall Council and Government in July 2015. It is also hoped to have a Department of Communities & Local Government Minister present. All District and Borough Leaders and Chief Executives have been invited and an opportunity will exist for local councils to meet with their respective Leader and Chief Executive to discuss what devolution or double devolution could look like in their locality.

Any other important matters that arise will be reported verbally at the meeting.