Chichester District Association of Local Councils

Report of meeting held at 7pm at CDC on Mon 23 Oct 2017

By C J Mead-Briggs

Address by WSCC on "Community Green" project

We are invited to form workparties on a voluntary basis to clear "Highway Verges", and footpaths that are overgrown. WSCC told us that this was previously carried out by WSCC Rangers. Due to cost cutting very little will now be done from now on. Parish Councils are asked to step in. Tools and training are available from "Tool sheds" established in a two locations across the District. Our nearest is in Selsey (the other is in Midhurst). The heaviest tool is a strimmer – there are no chain saws. Green waste should be disposed of in small amounts of 2 or 3 bags per person free at Westhampnett. If we use WSCC tools we must first be trained by Officer Darren Rolf. We must work only on WSCC land – see Parish on Line maps. Provided we are on WSCC land liability rests with WSCC but a risk assessment must be printed out beforehand. If we use WSCC tools we must be trained. We are asked to wash down WSCC sign posts. If we use our own tools we must rely on Parish Council Insurance if a claim against us is made.

Parish Online mapping

We are offered training to use this free service by WSCC. Paul Richards from Horsham Council would be happy to train councillors provided we have a room with WIFI so that we can connect. We should ask Carol to arrange this.

Conservancy Report by K Martin

1. 100 houses have been allowed on appeal off Oving Road on agricultural land because the appellant showed that CDC no longer have a 5 year housing supply. Too many sites with planning permission in the Local Plan are unlikely to be developed within 5 years because of a variety of reasons all explained in the decision. I have a copy if any one wants more information. This is seriously bad news and we should all be concerned.
2. The Birdham Farm Appeal has been lost to the gypsy settlement. CDC have been successful. (no mention made of the BVRS evidence which was crucial to this success). The 3 applications adjoining the appeal site have now been refused. Will they appeal?
3. The Coast path has been agreed without encircling the Harbour above Bosham Hoe, Dell Quay and Birdham thanks to a 3 year agreement to run the foot ferry all year round between Itchenor and Bosham.

Cost of running CDALC

Overheads require an estimated £15 from each PC; SALC to be asked if this can be added to their precept. If not each PC will be asked.