



MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES of the Meeting of MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL held on
Wednesday, 13th July 2022 in Milland Memorial Hall**

Present: Mrs. L Myles (LM) (in the Chair), Mr. J Parker (JVP), Mr. C Stopher (CS), Mrs. S Hoar (SH), Mrs. M Truss (MT), Mrs J Pilkington, County Councillor Kate O’Kelly

998. Apologies:

Mr A Farley, Sir J Wigram, District Councillor Peter Wilding

999. Minutes of the Meeting 11th May 2022

Approval **proposed** by Mrs. M Truss and **seconded** by Mr. J Parker

001. Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests

None

002.

a. Report from the County Councillor – full report attached - Summary below:

Transport and Infrastructure

- Friends of Rother Valley Way
- County Local Forum
- Member day – Drayton Depot
- Discussion with traffic engineer from WSCC about the Stedham to Midhurst cycle path widening scheme

Housing and Communities

- Supporting all the Ukrainian refugees and their host families
- Governance committee at WSCC
- Cost of living crisis
- Meeting of the Youth Cabinet

Environment and Wellbeing

- Public Health funding calling for extra funds for Stop Smoking Services
- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points
- Health and Adult Social Care committee
- Climate change
- Recycling collection service from CDC

Meeting Contribution

- At the meeting Councillor O’Kelly stated at the WSCC Full Council on Friday 15 July 2022 that in view of soaring fuel prices she would be proposing a motion for an emergency fund to help informal carers. At the very least she hoped that this would highlight the profile of the extremely important work carried out by informal carers.

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- Report from the District Councillor, see full report at the end of the minutes the topics covered:
- Cost of Living
- Levelling Up funding
- £150 energy bills rebate
- Local Plan Review Progress

003. Public Participation

None

004. Matters arising from the Minutes

Casual Vacancy

- Update on suggestions for potential Councillors.

Repair Café

- Currently no updates. To be added to the September agenda to discuss as to whether or not the project is going to proceed.

Action: Clerk

005. Finance

a) Statement of Accounts – V Williams – Previously emailed

April Starting Balance £15,047.04															
Milland Parish Council		Statement - July 2022													
Balance b/f		30.06.22		£15,047.04											
Payments Previously Made															
Date	Payments Made	Description	Gross	VAT	Net										
05.05.22	Nest	Pension Contribution	£28.87	£0.00	£28.87	DD									
09.05.22	Public Works Loan	Loan repayment	£1,578.13	£0.00	£1,578.13	DD									
30.05.22	Disking	Digital Screen Computer NUC	£499.99	£83.33	£416.66	OL78									
30.05.22	Disking	TV and Wall Mount	£289.98	£48.33	£241.65	OL79									
30.05.22	Cartersland Wildflower Group	Grant	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	OL80									
30.05.22	BHIB Ltd	Insurance	£563.66	£0.00	£563.66	OL81									
13.06.22	Nest	Pension Contribution	£30.01	£0.00	£30.01	DD									
22.06.22	Foulstons	Plug in shop - digital screen	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	OL82									
28.06.22	Public Works Loan	Loan repayment	£654.95	£0.00	£654.95	DD									
Totals			£3,995.59	£131.66	£3,863.93										
Payments Received															
Date	Payments Received	Description	Gross												
Totals															
Payments For Approval															
Date	Payments For Approval	Description	Gross	VAT	Net										
13.07.22	V Williams 30.06.22 (03)	Salary £ - P.03 Office £58.33	£783.54	£0.00	£783.54	OL83	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	HMRC 30.06.22 (03)	PAYE P.03 (2303)	£235.19	£0.00	£235.19	OL84	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	V Williams 31.07 (04)	Salary £ - P.04 Office £58.33	£783.54	£0.00	£783.54	OL85	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	HMRC 31.07 (04)	PAYE P.04 (2304)	£235.19	£0.00	£235.19	OL86	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Rob Findlay	Maintenance May-June	£27.00	£0.00	£27.00	OL87	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	REIMB V Williams	Stationary / Ink / Plug for Digital Screen	£53.62	£0.00	£53.62	OL88	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Black Well Press	Flyers - QJ	£39.00	£0.00	£39.00	OL89	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	REIMB V Williams	Flyers 2 - (Print and Design IT) - QJ	£68.40	£11.40	£57.00	OL90	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Milland PCC	Tent Hire - QJ	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	OL91	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Rec Field	Maintenance Grant 1(1/2)	£2,625.00	£0.00	£2,625.00	OL92	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Rec Field	Repairs Grant 1(1/2)	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	OL93	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Rec Field	Admin Grant 1(1/2)	£275.00	£0.00	£275.00	OL94	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Linch PCC	Churchyard M/I/L Grant (1/2)	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	OL95	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Vision ICT	Website Hosting 2022/23	£210.00	£35.00	£175.00	OL96	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	Azets	Payroll Accountants	£234.00	£39.00	£195.00	OL97	P	LGA72							
13.07.22	SLCC	CILCA Training	£205.00	£0.00	£205.00	OL98	P	LGA72							
Total payments due			£6,474.48	£85.40	£6,389.08										
Estimate Balance after Payments			£8,572.56												
Less Ringfenced Funds			£2,670.00												
Estimate Available funds			£5,902.56												
Ringfenced funds															
MTC Resurfacing fund			£2,670.00												
TOTAL			£2,670.00												
<i>P - Precept; O-Outside Precept; E-Excess of Precept</i>															

b) These Payments were Approved

Action: Clerk

c) Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) Training

- The Clerk summarised that the CiLCA is a foundation qualification for local council Clerks which enables the Clerk to become more informed of the law, procedures for local councils and working with the planning system.
- In England a CiLCA qualified clerk helps the council to attain the general power of competence and a Quality or Quality Gold Award. This helps the council achieve standards of good practice.

006. Other Administration

a) Digital Communication Screen

- The Clerk updated that the Screen and computer are now in position in the Community Shop and she would be working with Disking to learn how to use the software.
- She stated that this has very much become a community project and thanked all those involved including the local resident who installed the screen.
- **Final Costing:**
 - NUC computer: £500
 - 40" HDMI capable screen and mount £290
 - Electrician and multiplug: £150
 - **Total: £940**
- Following the last meeting when it was suggested that contributions should be requested from various local groups to help cover the costs, the following grants have been awarded:
 - Bonfire Committee - £300
 - George Street Trust- £250
 - Village Hall - £300
 - PC Contribution - £90
- The Clerk explained that the next step would be to ensure a regular rotation of display information.
- JVP stated that it was paramount that the screen provided the community with information about the Parish from both the PC and community groups including in the first instance:
 - PC Casual Vacancy
 - Road Closure information
 - Shop deals of the week
 - Cinema club
 - Community groups e.g Wildflower Group
 - Church
 - What's on:
 - Village Hall
 - Pub
 - Shop
 - Vales Garage
- The Council discussed the inclusion of advertising for businesses which raised the questions:
 - Local Milland businesses only or further afield?
 - Should there be a charge? If so, what would happen to the proceeds?
- It was **Agreed** that the advertising of PC and Community messages would take place over the next two months and that the addition of paid advertising and a policy would be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

007. Planning – Cllr Stopher

Milland Neighbourhood Development Plan (MNDP) Meeting

- CS summarised that there was no requirement to review NPs as they do not lose any power if not reviewed.
- Legislation does however require Local Plans (LPs) to be reviewed every 5 years with the SDNPA Plan up for renewal in 2024, although there is some uncertainty surrounding this due to the complications arising from the Government White Paper.
- To date the NP Review Committee have reviewed the Policies and only one Policy H1, Enlarged Homes had been highlighted for review.
- The removal of only one policy would require an amount of work that would not be justifiable at this time. Although the MNDP does not require a review it must be in line with the SDNPA Local Plan and therefore it should be reviewed again when the Plan is reviewed in 2024.
- The recent application for Dog Kennel Cottage did test Policy H1. However ultimately it did not meet the criteria for a small dwelling.
- CS suggested that at the point when the MNDP is reviewed, instead of simply removing it, it should actually be replaced with something that would be more effective in providing smaller and more affordable housing in the Parish.
- CS added that a policy should be created now in order to be ready to add to the MNDP when applicable. It was hoped that this could clarify as to what could or could not be done to smaller homes and would encourage the construction of more affordable smaller dwellings.
- It was **Agreed** that the Planning Committee would meet to discuss this and CS would draft a rough policy for discussion.

Action: CS

SDNP Land Availability Assessment (LAA)

- The South Downs National Park Authority is undertaking a Land Availability Assessment and has produced a draft methodology for this. This has been emailed to all PCs asking for comment.
- The LAA is an essential part of the evidence base for the Local Plan Review. The LAA identifies potential land and assesses the availability, suitability and achievability of potential sites. This evidence will help the National Park Authority (NPA) to understand what sites are theoretically available to provide opportunities for development, what sites have permission and to provide detailed information on past development. The methodology will provide an overview of the approach the SDNPA will be adopting in undertaking the LAA.
- The only land in the Parish which could potentially qualify is the land behind Stretton's Copse which although currently outside the settlement area could offer potential land for development of smaller affordable Housing. This situation will continue to be monitored.

a) Planning Applications/Decisions

New Planning Applications

Week 21

- **SDNP/22/01792/HOUS** - Raised brick and stone terrace to the rear. Raised brick and stone terrace to the rear. Walnut Tree Cottage, Cooks Pond Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7JY

Week 22

- **SDNP/22/01605/TPO** - Fell 1 no. Beech tree and 1 no. Scots Pine tree within Area, A1 subject to ML/60/00710/TPO. Aston House, Wheatsheaf Enclosure, Milland, Liphook, West Sussex, GU30 7EH – this has since been **APPROVED**
- **SDNP/22/02311/HOUS** - Single storey extension. Robins Cottage, Iping Lane, Iping, West Sussex, GU29 0PJ

Week 25

- **SDNP/22/02418/CND** - Change of use of public house to 1 no. dwelling to include ancillary medical consulting rooms and associated works. Demolition of existing function room to be replaced with an annexe. Retention of 4 no. associated letting rooms (variation of conditions 2, 14, 15 and 18 of permission SDNP/21/04008FUL) and including detailed plans and documentation relating to the provision of associated external works to allow development without complying with conditions 4, 12, 13, 17 and 20 of SDNP/21/04008FUL. The Black Fox Inn Portsmouth Road Milland West Sussex GU30 7JJ

Week 26

- **SDNP/22/02741/LDE** - Existing lawful development Certificate for a single storey rear extension. 15 Mill Vale Meadows, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LZ

Applications for Discussion

SDNP/22/02418/CND (See above - week 25) - Application for variations of Conditions made in the original Approval granted last November for the Black Fox Inn.

These would enable completion of the development without complying with some of the Conditions and these relate to:

- 4 - External Lighting
- 12 - Boundary treatments
- 13 - Landscaping and tree planting
- 17 - Cycle parking spaces
- 20 - EV charging points

MPC has no objection to this Application

b) Land South of Liphook Station / Liphook Neighbourhood Plan

- CS attended a meeting of the Liphook Neighbourhood Plan Committee to discuss potential sites for development in Liphook.
- He confirmed that the proposal for building on the land next to Highfield Lane has been deemed unsuitable by EHDC.
- There are now two further potential sites which seem more likely; these are two pieces of land bordering the northern part of Devils Lane which has an outlet onto Highfield Lane. One is the 'Chicken Farm' which could see some fairly high-density smaller properties built whilst the other larger piece of land to the East of the Chicken Farm could see some lower density development.
- The position of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is that no further housing development in Liphook would be feasible without some road access construction that would not pass through the Conservation Area of Liphook Square.
- It was highlighted at the meeting that more housing development would be inevitable as District Councils are forced to meet targets as directed by Central Government, but an effective NP would at least enable Liphook to have some say in the eventual volumes, their location and the accompanying infrastructure.
- CS stated that it is an unavoidable fact that population density is increasing but stressed the importance of closely monitoring the situation as the infrastructure issues, especially increased traffic, would likely have a significant impact on Milland.
- It was **Agreed** that the Council would email County Councillor O'Kelly expressing its continuing concern regarding the impact that future development in Liphook would have on the Parish's roads.

Action: Clerk / CS

008. Environment & Amenities and Highways matters

a) Queen's Jubilee

i. Celebration

- The Clerk stated that the Jubilee weekend had been a great success and all events were extremely well supported.
- It was **Agreed** that the Council would formally write to the Jubilee Committee to thank them for their hard work.

Action: Clerk

ii. Community Fund

- The Clerk reported that following the Jubilee Celebrations she had been working with the Jubilee Committee and could now report that the following money had been raised (totals after payment of most invoices)

£1,511 profit on ticket and tea towel sales

£500 from Knight Frank

Total funds £2,011

Outstanding transactions:

Receipts

£170 for further tea towel sales

Expenses

£150 tent hire

£72 Security

Proposed Final Total: £1,959

- The Clerk confirmed that this money had been transferred to the PC and had been ringfenced for future charitable donations.
- The Jubilee Committee (on which the Clerk and JVP will continue to remain as members) would make the initial decisions with regard to grants and the information would be brought before the Full Council for final approval and payment.
- The Committee intend to award a percentage of the funds and hold a small amount back as a start-up fund for future events.
- Following a suggestion by JVP a discussion was held regarding a possible future PC charitable 'Community Chest' which could be used for awarding grants to projects which benefit the community and a discussion followed regarding this as a possibility.
- It was **Agreed** that further understanding of both the future of the Jubilee Fund and any other charitable funds was necessary before proceeding and that the Clerk would contact the Bonfire Committee for a copy of their policy for awarding funds so that all charitable donations associated with the PC could be brought into alignment.

Action: Clerk

iii. Lasting Commemoration - Pedestrian Gate for the Rec

- JVP reported on the continuing difficulties in contacting Richard Weaver of Design Through Metal Work who had previously quoted £2,500 for a bespoke gate.
- After some discussion it was **Agreed** that the proposed gate replacement would be postponed and that the donated oak tree would become the Jubilee commemoration.

b) Queen's Green Canopy

- The Clerk updated that Rob Findlay intended to plant the donated oak tree in the November planting season.
- JVP confirmed that there had been no further communication with Griffin Nurseries and the Clerk confirmed she would follow this up.

Action: Clerk

c) Cartersland Wildflower Group

- The Clerk reported that she had been working closely with the wildflower group and had applied for a grant from Beelines who work in association with the South Downs National Park Authority.
- Beelines works in partnership with the charity Plantlife to work with landowners and communities in order to create wildflower corridors across the downland. The aim of the funding is to support areas where habitats for bees and other important insects can be promoted.
- Following an expression of interest the application made it to the next stage which involved a visit from one of the Plantlife experts. The Clerk highlighted that the representative from Plantlife, as well as offering advice on how to progress the area, acknowledged how much work the group had already done to create a well-established and successful wildflower meadow. The representative suggested the inclusion of a professionally produced information board to enable residents to fully understand the importance of the project.
- The request for support for the Beelines project has now been approved by the South Downs National Park Trust (SDNPT) and **£1,196.00** awarded for:
 - Hire of scarifier for one day
 - Purchase of wildflower seeds
 - Information board (one of the terms of receiving the money for the board would be to investigate any need for permission for this).

Action: Clerk

d) Climate Change Training for Councillors

- Black Mountains College is running an online course for parish and town councillors on how local government structures can make neighbourhoods and homes more sustainable and build community resilience. The course run over three evenings in September is specifically for councillors who want to learn how climate change will affect their constituency and who want to become more proactive by learning how they can play a role in reducing the inequality climate change is already causing, making their neighbourhoods and homes more sustainable and building community resilience.
- The Clerk asked if any Councillor would be interested in attending and if so would the Council support funding attendance.
- It was **Agreed** that Cllr Sue Hoar would to attend and the Council would pay the £75 attendance fee.

Action: Clerk / SH

e) Recreation Field Fence

- CS met with the owners of the fence and had reported back to the Council that:
 - The previously considered suggestion to heighten the stock fencing behind the goal was not in fact proposed by them and would not be investigated further.
 - It was proposed that increasing the hedgerow density would be a better solution. This would both reduce damage to the fence and enhance wildlife.
- It was **Agreed** that the Council would apply to the Woodland Trust for the hedge planting package which would include a variety of each species for 8 metres of full, easy to manage hedging:
 - **Trees:** 30
 - **Species:** dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, dogwood
 - **Size of land:** 6-8 metres of double-row hedging
 - **Protection:** spiral guards and canes
- If successful it is hoped that a community planting event could be organised.

Action: Clerk

f) Milland Valley Memorial Hall Update

- Following a meeting of the Hall Trustees MT reported on issues to be brought to the PCs attention:
 - Shed Floor – JVP confirmed the shed in question is the responsibility of the Hall.
 - Shrubs around the building – The PC believes that this is the responsibility of the Hall – **Agreed** that the hall would carry out routine works.
 - Basketball net – the Clerk confirmed that the new part was to be ordered following acceptance of a quote at tonight’s Rec meeting.
- MT to feedback all information to the Hall Committee.

Action: MT

g) Traffic Calming

- Concern had been highlighted by residents regarding the speed of certain vehicles driving in the Parish and again the question of Traffic Calming had been raised especially in regard to:
 - Fernhurst Road
 - Milland Lane
- CS asked that following the resurfacing works carried out on the local lanes recently when the time comes to resurface the 30mph stretch of road between the pub crossroad and the pond should the white lines be removed and any other applicable traffic calming.
- As proposed works are often compared to the extensive traffic calming in Rake, County Councillor Kate O’Kelly who had been involved in this project summarised the works for reference:
 - This stretch of the B2070 was formerly the A3 London to Portsmouth trunk road in contrast to Hampshire County Council no physical changes had been made by WSCC since the new route of the A3 trunk road between Petersfield and Liphook was opened in 1992 with sections of the dual carriageway remaining in close proximity at both ends of the community area.
 - Despite reduced speed limits being introduced in 2008 on the 3 sections of single carriageway road it was felt that further traffic calming was needed based on safety concerns.
 - The process took approximately 4 years from application to implementation and included extensive public consultation and working closely with Highways who have to be on board with any potential applications to ensure their success.
- Applications are currently made yearly by the 31st July and in order to be successful and a compelling case based on the criteria set out on a scoring sheet (including pedestrians and safety) must be compiled.
- It was **Agreed** that a meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee to discuss potential future Highways applications.

Action: SH / LM / CS

009. Parish Notices

None

010-. Date of next meeting – 14 September 2022 – 6pm at Milland Memorial Hall

Chairman: _____ Date : _____

These Minutes are unconfirmed until signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor Report Milland PC 13th July 2022

Transport and Infrastructure

- Friends of Rother Valley Way – work continues we are discussing approach to landowners on the section of this off road route between Petersfield and Nyewood
- County Local Forum - a meeting for residents – (nearly half the questions were heartfelt including testimony from many residents who have fallen and been injured) were about the poor state of pavements in the city but our rural towns were also mentioned – we discussed solutions such as stopping the very heavy lorries parking on the pavements – this needs leadership and all levels of government working together
- Member day – Drayton Depot – we saw the new machines in action the Jet Patcher will save many hours of work – it can patch 2 defects in the carriageway in 12 minutes previously it would have taken 90 minutes.
- Discussion with traffic engineer from WSCC about the Stedham to Midhurst cycle path widening scheme – need to explore all options as one landowner is holding this up and could jeopardise the whole scheme. We met today with the engineers from WSCC hoping to keep the widening part and also get an extension of the 40mph to the Woolbeding junction.

Housing and Communities

- Talked to the Director of Communities at the Council about the role of her team in supporting all the Ukrainian refugees and their host families. They are working really hard to support everyone and where necessary finding new host families.
- Governance committee at WSCC – they have now changed the constitution at WSCC so no new motions cannot be brought back to Council if they have been debated in the last 4 years – previously and for most councils this is 6 months – our group argued against this change.
- Cost of living crisis – household support fund for families – unfortunately this fund has been over subscribed and since June 9th they are no longer taking referrals. We will be asking questions about this at Full Council on Friday.

This fund is predominantly for support with energy, food and water. However, it can include support for wider essentials associated with these costs, such as white goods and clothing etc.

Community Hub - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/supporting-local-communities/community-hub-covid-19/>

West Sussex Community Hub · Tel: 033 022 27980 · Lines are open 9.00am - 5.00pm 7 days a week, including Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

- Meeting of the Youth Cabinet – the young people were able to put their agenda to the county councillors – good to hear their priorities as we work with them over the next year. Mental health and climate change were key areas.

Environment and Wellbeing

- County Council I seconded our amendment to the motion on Public Health funding calling for extra funds for stop smoking services. Nationally after significant reduction in smokers the numbers quitting has paused and there are still 77,000 smokers in West Sussex. These services are invaluable they are evidence based and really improve lives and wellbeing.
- County Council - I asked a question about Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points and how they are going to be rolled out across the county. The contractors who are installing the EV chargers as part of the project have started putting in charge points in car parks across the county. I

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expressed concern because Chichester District Council (CDC) have not joined the partnership so none of the CDC owned car parks in the District are included in the roll out. It is hard to see how this critical infrastructure is going to catch up with the need as more people will be switching to electric over the next few years.

- Health and Adult Social Care committee - Scrutinised the Shaw Contract which the County has with 12 care homes. Costs the County £23.5million a year - 5 of the 12 are rated as RI – significant amount of taxpayers money is being spent on poor services.
- We proposed future items for discussion - Self harm item to be extended to scrutinise CAMHS and ambulance response times to review of current state of crisis!
- County Council member briefing on climate change plans – good to hear their detailed and strategic approach but they are only concentrating on WSCC emissions which are 1% of the county emissions – we will be proposing that they set a target county wide.
- New coffee pod / textiles/ small electrical collection service from CDC – in trial area residents can book a free online collection from Monday 18 July.
www.chichester.gov.uk/textileandelectricalrecycling
www.chichester.gov.uk/podback
There is a page with FAQ on the website – but no number for those without digital access.
- At Full Council at WSCC on Friday I am proposing a motion for an emergency fund to help carers with fuel costs at this time of soaring fuel prices.



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CDC Brief 17th July 2022 Councillor Peter Wilding

Cost of Living

Many people within our district are struggling with the rise in the cost of living. CDC will shortly be launching a campaign in partnership with the Observer Series to highlight the range of support that is available. The campaign will cover tips on how to save money, including energy efficiency measures; help with finances; health and wellbeing; help with housing; and supporting local businesses. The 'Supporting You' leaflets that we produced earlier this year, highlighting some of the support that is available, are still in high demand.

Levelling Up funding

CDC have been busy preparing our Levelling Up funding bid, following Council's decision to submit a bid to government. The Bid was finalised on 4 July and has a number of proposals for improving the public realm around the District. The Government will announce who has been successful in the Autumn.

£150 energy bills rebate

Payments for eligible residents who pay by direct debit commenced on 11 April 2022. So far, over £4.3 million has been paid out to 28,860 residents. This equates to 80% of all payments being made as of 13 June 2022. CDC are writing to residents who do not pay their Council Tax by direct debit so that we can ask for their bank details so that we can make the payment. Officers continue to work extremely hard to ensure eligible residents receive their payments as quickly as possible. Residents who pay their Council Tax by direct debit will receive their £150 Energy Payment quicker.

The Discretionary Scheme has been operating since 1 May 2022. To date, a total of 249 discretionary payments have been made. Until recently, take up has been low, but this is picking up. We would be grateful if you could promote this scheme to eligible residents. You can find out the full details here: [£150 energy bills rebate 2022: Chichester District Council](#)

Local Plan Review Progress

Officers are working hard to finalise the Local Plan Review. There are a number of key strands of strategic work that CDC are seeking to complete in the coming months, to enable further progression and then submission for examination. Firstly, we are working closely with National Highways and West Sussex County Council to establish the effect of the current Development Strategy on the A27 and local road network. The issues surrounding the A27 are complex, but our consultants have made significant progress on advancing the modelled impact, which we will discuss with the Highway Authorities over the next month. Given the constraints of the A27 on development in the south of the district, the council will be under significant pressure at examination to demonstrate that it has looked at the potential for further development in the north-east as carefully as possible.

There is an ongoing piece of work commissioned by our council, Horsham and Crawley, to look at ways of overcoming the water neutrality issues in this area. Once complete, it will inform what development can be achieved in the north-east of the plan area.

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