

Report to Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council on Monday 27th June, 2022, by District Councillors, Bill Mouland, Nick Sear and Angela Glass

Armed Forces Stakeholders' Group

This group, which brings together the support available in the District for members of the armed forces, the veterans and their families, was launched in May. The inaugural meeting was held at the Forest Centre in Whitehill and Bordon, with future meetings to be held by rotation throughout the District.

Waste Collection

There has been increasing frustration across the District with missed rubbish, garden waste and glass collections. The Leader and the Portfolio Holder Cllr. Robert Mocatta are monitoring the situation and in constant contact with Norse to resolve the issues. There is currently a waiting list for the Garden Waste collection, for which we pay an extra fee, and residents can add their name to this list to receive collections in the future.

Continue to leave your brown bins or sacks out for collection. I will have two sitting ready for collection on Wednesday. And I expect both of them to be collected. Please let us know if your waste is not collected and please report it on line, by 4pm the next working day.

Move from Penns Place

Preparations for a proposed move away from Penns Place, subject to a business case, are under active consideration. The building, currently called New Barn, in Bedford Road, is being handed back to EHDC soon, because the current Lease comes to an end. More information on this will be given at the next Parish Council Meeting.

EHDC Community Lottery

New Grants will soon be available for those groups that have signed up to the EHDC Community Lottery, and that have sold at least 50 tickets over the last year. The grant scheme opens once again in September so organisations that are not signed up still have time to do so.

Last year 8 local charities shared more than £7,000 between them, and we look forward to being able to distribute a similar amount this year. More information can be found at www.easthants.gov.uk/east-hampshire-community-lottery

Local Plan

You will have seen the press-releases about EHDC's re-consultation on the Local Plan.

Richard Millard the Leader described the new housing targets that Government is proposing as "brutal". There have been significant changes to national planning policies, rising housing numbers and a desire for higher environmental standards.

Having gone out to consultation in 2019, if EHDC is to present a sound and successful Local Plan to the Government Inspector, then it is necessary to go out to consultation once again. New housing targets take no consideration of the 57% of the District that lies within the

South Downs National Park, where very little building takes place as Landscape considerations take precedence. The burden falls on adjacent planning authorities to take the unmet need from the Park, in addition to any other shortfall from adjoining local authorities.

The South Downs National Park has written to local Parish and Town Councils, as they are about to review their own Local Plan. As part of this they will make a call for sites, which is the opportunity for developers, or those making or reviewing their Neighbourhood Development Plans, to put forward sites within their own communities, inside the Park.

The SDNPA needs to increase their provision of new and affordable housing within the Park, and this is the opportunity for this to happen.

Councillor Community Grants

We were all very pleased to be able to contribute towards the Parish Council's successful Jubilee Picnic on the Millennium Green, by donating £500 each from our Community Grants.

We have supported various events and organisations this year, including Bramshott Open Gardens, which attracted over 1,500 visitors. We still have money in our pots including some that is allocated towards green projects. We look forward to any applications that may still be in the pipeline.