

## **Cllr Johnny Denis LDC Report – March 2023**

### **Pool Update**

While LDC have agreed funds for bringing the pool back into use, an agreement is still being worked out recognising financial arrangements between ESCC and LDC and with the school.

### **Skate Park**

Concerns that head of planning is unhappy with the proposal. I've written to him to clarify some points (as a member of LDC and not on behalf of the PC).

### **Glyndebourne, Harrisons Lane**

The appeal is fast approaching for both the smaller and larger of these proposals. I have drawn this to the attention of Glynde and Beddingham PC to comment.

### **Council Tax**

LDC has increased CT by just 1%, maintained its 100% CT reduction scheme and treating self-employed applicants to the scheme on actual earnings not just presumed earnings.

Cost of Living Support scheme has been extended.

### **East Sussex Highways/ESCC**

A motion has been submitted to ESCC to get them to update their speed policies in line with national guidance and to take account impacts on residents. This is likely to come before full council in June after being reviewed and countered by the lead Member in May.

A petition will be presented to full council next week asking for East Sussex to introduce HGV through routing – as per West Sussex - away from villages and to use trunk roads.

Another petition will be presented on saving Lewes bus station. The new temporary shelters and bays are in place at bottom of School Hill with alternative site being pushed for by South Down National Park on Phoenix Causeway as part of North Street Quarter.

Lots of work happening on Malling Hill, Lewes at the moment, with diversions in place via Malling, Brooks Road, Tesco's, etc. This is part one. A further new surface will be applied later in the year – possibly September. I am supporting residents there asking for noise reducing surface and speed roundels on the new surface.

A request for benches on the dual use path has come forward from a Ringmer resident. I will ask the PC to consider supporting this.

**ESALC** – I have written to East Sussex Association of Local Councils asking them to consider concerns about performance of East Sussex Highways.

I have drawn the attention of LDC Housing to 3 local properties needing works of long-standing. While the Council has a good record for new build council homes, and stock survey has now been carried out after a significant period of non-attention, it has some work still to do to bring stock up to a good level.