

Councillor Report for January 2023 Mtg - Cllr Johnny Denis

Flooding

Obviously, this has been significant issue for many over the last couple of weeks with new water features appearing daily. Residents of Mill Road have expressed concern about the amount of run off from the new development at Anchor Field. LDC officers are visiting or have visited to assess the problem. Meanwhile residents of Mill Mead have been pleased that they no longer have flooding issues previously associated with the football field and residents are considering a swale to take surface water off the road and away from properties. Property/ies in Rushey Green have been less fortunate and have had to have been pumped out repeatedly. It is uncertain where the problem lies though thought to be related to Bulldog Sewer. I have asked Environment Agency for further information. Suggestions have been made for electronic signage at either end of Barcombe Mills Road indicating when the road is closed rather. It might be something to consider for a CIL bid to prevent vehicles ignoring flood signs. Have met with the management of the Green Man which lost significant trade after water flooded their car park for several days. The source (via the highway) appears to be the flooded adjoining land.

Planning

Bridge Farm LW/22/0840 has come back. Residents of Barcombe Mills (just outside this Parish) are concerned about unsightly buildings adding to those already dominating the landscaping and additional traffic.

Solar Farm has not been called in by the Planning Inspectorate.

Appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspector for LW/22/0472 Harrisons Lane proposal for up to 75 homes. It will be contested by LDC

There is a consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework in which many councils are participating – highlighting; 5 year reviews of local plans, 5 year land supply issues, water and sewerage capacity, developers not building out agreed applications, Undermining of Neighbourhood plans.

[Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy)