

Update from Cllr Johnny Denis

Planning

Thakeham – refused. Spoke against this at Committee alongside Parish Council and residents. Amazing result and terrific public support.

Solar Farm – This is now due for September Planning mtg and I intend to register to speak to highlight the concerns that residents have shared with me. This is an interesting position to be in. I am part of an administration that believes that renewables and fuel sovereignty are necessary and has put it's money where its mouth is and invested a sum of money in a community owned energy company – Ovesco - which has a great track record locally, including putting solar panels on Ringmer School.

However, what has come forward is a planning application which must be taken on its own merits and which the Planning Committee will consider accordingly.

I have now submitted my objections – summarised from neighbours' objections and I will speak to these at Committee

Briefing - Leigh Palmer presented to Cllr O'Brien and myself to cover off all the current and expected developments in Ringmer. This was helpful as the sheer volume of them starts to get confusing. It was useful to get insight into these from planner's perspective.

Roads and Speeding

Highways I note the resurfacing of Bishops Lane and have pointed out to Highways that this was not a local priority and, indeed, would be a waste of money if development off Bishops Lane were to be agreed.

I note that we have a new Highways Steward called Steph Quinnell steph.quinnell@eastsussexhighways.com who is available on 07753102549

HGV Petition Following meetings between District Councillor Emily and local campaigners, councillors and concerned residents, a petition has been launched to route HGVs away from village and urban areas and to keep to trunk and a roads – West Sussex has a recommended HGV route map– East Sussex does not do this but sees all A and B roads as acceptable. This is not about deliveries within villages, just through traffic. You can find, support, and share the petition from here. <https://bit.ly/VillageHGVs>

Road Safety Jo Shiner is national police lead on road safety, Katie Bourne is national Commissioner lead on safer roads – I have written to both to highlight the need for preventative action on speeds and antisocial driving rather than just dealing with locations with high KSIs and to repurpose the Sussex safer Roads Partnership to this effect.

Note the New Lead for Roads Policing is Chief Inspector, Kendall Wells – Kendal.wells@sussex.police.uk has taken over from the sympathetic Habs Rahman.

Playground

Ringmer new play equipment

Congratulations to Cllr May and officers of the PC – I missed the launch but have since spoken to parents at the rec who are very happy with the new equipment!

I have since followed up at LDC about the S106 money. I have indications that this will be sorted.

I understand from residents that the levels of Anti-social behaviour have gone up – and loud use of the rec until early hours. This is causing considerable distress for neighbours. I have escalated it to CI Justin Ingham at Sussex police so that it can be followed up after PCSO hours.

Ageing

The **East Sussex Healthy Ageing project** worker, Steve.Broome@eastsussex.gov.uk is holding a regional conference on Healthy Ageing at the De La Warr Pavilion on 19 October. Details and registrations are at:

[HAIRE East Sussex Regional Conference: Innovations in Healthy Ageing Tickets, Wed 19 Oct 2022 at 09:15 | Eventbrite](#)

Benches – In terms of supporting older and less able-bodied residents, can Ringmer PC consider, in discussion with carers and care homes, where might be useful places for more benches to give residents respite between home and shops and services.

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