

Reports from Cllr Standley and Cllr Dixon for Hadlow Down PC meeting 3rd August 2021

1. Update from Cllr Standley to Hadlow Down Parish Council August 2021

Full Council

The recent (23rd July) Full Council was particularly long at almost 5 and a half hours but covered a wide range of topics

Council monitoring – performance year 20/21

State of the County – initial policy statement on RPPR (Reconciling Policy Performance and Resources) which is the start of the budget process for 22/23.

We also had debates on

- 1) A proposal to have default speed limit of 20MPH on all roads in villages and urban areas. This was defeated whilst recognising that there were areas when 20mph would be appropriate.
- 2) Net carbon zero by 2030. Current policy is to net carbon zero by 2050 or earlier if practicable. Current policy re-affirmed

Hybrid Meetings

The frustration continues that if councillors are self-isolating, they can attend meetings remotely but cannot vote. This disenfranchises councillors following govt guidelines which is unfair.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's summer reading challenge has been launched and runs to the 11th of September.

Primarily aimed at primary aged children although there is also a separate pre-school challenge for the under 3year olds.

County Clean

I understand the frustration at the slow progress but it is moving forward. No doubt we will get an update at the SLR but the update I received on the 7/7 stated that enforcement had visited the site as there was doubt with one landowner on the ownership of the overhanging vegetation.

A further visit is to be made early August to assess whether remaining work needs to be completed.

2. Update from Cllr Dixon to Hadlow Down Parish Council August 2021

Tourism - The new website explorewealden.co.uk is up and running.

Planning - Evidence gathering for the local plan continues as does work on assessing the SHELAA sites.

Waste - Still Performing well. Driver shortages have not hit us as yet but there may be wage cost pressure.

Cyber Attack - WDC suffered a sustained attack from various locations abroad last month, but the systems proved resilient and further security measures have been put in place. No data was compromised and the attacks of this scale appear to be over.