CLLR LUNN REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

Local Plan

This is progressing and we have been advised that the draft plan for consultation will be presented to Full Council on 8th February 2024. There remains ongoing concerns about housing numbers but details are still not known. Any proposals will be subject to public consultation.

Community Recycling Points

I have continued to raise concerns on behalf of the Parish but it appears these decisions will not be changed or even considered for public consultation. The saving has been suggested just £50,000 across the whole of Wealden District. I understand the recycling bins have been removed already at Wilderness Wood.

Enforcement Issues

A number of enforcement issues have had responses and the Clerk has been duly updated.

Localised Crime issues

I have received a briefing from the local police and PCSO Sue Choppin regarding a local crime wave within Northern Wealden where a number of high value items including 4WD vehicles, quad bikes, utility vehicles and chain saws, strimmer's have been stolen. 5 significant rural properties were targeted in one evening, and appears to be an organised gang of 4 or more. This seems to be targets larger rural properties and using the lanes to move around. They also appear to be using drones to carry out pre-surveys of properties. If anyone sees anything suspicious please report immediately to the police.