

District Cllr Report for PC Nov 2024

District Council Matters/Decisions

At Council last week I put a motion forward asking for our MPs and the Council to object to the proposed removal of the Winter Fuel Payment for our Pensioners by the new Labour Govt. The implementation has not been thought out properly or the potential impact it may have on the pensioners and the knock-on effect on the NHS if some do not put their heating on. There are more than 30 000 pensioners in the Chichester District area and whilst some admittedly do not need that money, many more do. I asked that the Govt consider changing the criteria to all those on the lowest income Tax band to be included.

Ms Reeves cannot fill the 'Black Hole' that they have created by filling it with pensioners. A rich policy coming from an MP who was able to claim over £4000 for heating last year alone. I doubt we will even get a response but if we do I'll let you know and what the heartless Ms Reeves has to say.

As an LPA we are very close to being put into special measures so are under pressure to approve some of the Larger Planning Applications, if we refuse, then it must be extremely good evidence to refuse. The 5 yr Housing land supply is very challenging. I can only hope the 2 inspectors appointed to look at our submitted Local Plan can see this is the best in the circumstances that we can achieve.

Now we have heard from the Labour Budget and I am worried that the announcements on Capital Gains Tax/Inheritance tax will unduly affect our farming community especially the family Farms, I am working with other Council Leader to see if there is anything we can do to influence this ill-thought-out Policy. I would like to see my Parliamentary Party come out and say they would reverse this at the 1st Opportunity.

Obviously the NI increase will also hurt many of our local Businesses and employers, our Council alone will have to find an additional £500k per year.

We have held a meeting of the Homelessness and Housing Task and Finish Group looking at ways to shorten Policy and make it more user friendly and efficient, as part of it CDC are entering into a partnership with Hyde and Homes England to purchase several Studio and one-bedroom properties to support those finding themselves being made homeless and that we hope will reduce our reliance on B&B's. and save us money long term.

We are now also able to scrutinise to some degree the spending of reserves, CDC had £28m available at the start of last year, it appears that has reduced to £24m, questions were asked at Council about the use of reserves. Once the reserves are gone, we have no way to build them up again. It will be interesting to see how wisely and diligently the administration spends it, one of my Cllrs made a point of letting everyone know we are watching the spending, that includes another £120 000 for a New 'Regeneration Manager' Post for the City. We did have a plan to regenerate the Southern Gateway of the City and had a developer appointed, but Covid made the scheme unviable at the time. I do not see much difference in the current proposals except it will cost an additional £120k for the new post.

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The Let's talk page also gives you access to other consultations including one on regeneration of the city and plenty more, can I ask you to have a look and respond if you have some ideas or want to just participate, make your views known.

<https://letstalk.chichester.gov.uk>

Our new St James Industrial Estate has received a Building Excellence award! It has been recognised as the 'Best non-residential new build' in the South East by Local Authority Building Control, which represents local authority building control services in England and Wales. Good news and also means that it qualifies as a finalist in the national awards, which will take place in early 2025

CDC's Winter edition of 'Initiatives' Magazine should have been delivered to your door this month, it is worth having a look through as it has updates and information on things happening in our District.

Planning.

Our much-awaited Local Plan Review, 7 years in the making is now at examination, it started at the start of October, the inspectors have deemed the Plan submission to have met the Lawful requirements, a big hurdle and means all the Policies will now be examined and tested against the evidence. I am very hopeful, the Examiners have acknowledged the challenges we faced as a District and that there are constraints, but we still need them to review the evidence and there are plenty of legal Challenges by the larger developers ahead.

One of the things the Top-Down approach, the forced allocation of housing numbers on Local Planning Authorities, by the NPPF, and applied by the last Government who had realised the folly and started to make amendments. Has now been embraced by the Labour Govt with renewed Vigour, and massive increase in allocations for the Rural areas, it is going to cause us big problems.

We now have planning applications by developers who start the build, then stop as they cannot sell the property for the price they have set, they then move on to their next target, another green field, where they will build to the point, they cannot sell them and move on again. That means we as the Local Planning Authority cannot demonstrate a 5-yr housing land supply and makes a, Control Led development plan impossible to implement---basically uncontrolled planning. A Developers Dream. Let us hope the Examination agrees with us that the 575 per annum is appropriate as opposed to the 1206 per annum proposed. [It is unclear what implications there might be for the National Parks as yet but Green Belts are certainly Targets.](#)

Westbourne has decided is to review the Neighbourhood Plan, through that WPC can make allocations for areas considered the best in Westbourne for development. That working group has met twice and we are starting to focus on where the locations for the 15 remaining houses could be. Several locations are under consideration but if you have any ideas, please let me know, or if you would like to join the Working Group, please let Clare the Parish Clerk know.

You are still able to object to any application anonymously by emailing, dcplanning@chichester.gov.uk ---request to remain anonymous if you so wish, please copy me in though. Be mindful though that an anonymous objection will carry very little weight.

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There is now an application pending and not live yet regarding the Old Army Camp for a further 25 G&T pitches.

39 new Pitches in Westbourne Parish alone would affect Community cohesion identified in the Westbourne Neighbourhood Plan, that is one of the Policies that need reviewing.

A reminder please be vigilant on any land you suspect of being sold and consider the consequences.

At the Last Planning Committee, we delegated a decision back to officers for the delivery of 70 dwellings in The Wittering's, had we deferred the decision it would have jeopardised the Local Plan Submission. Planning had already been approved at appeal this was just for the detail required for the implementation. It highlighted the stupidity of the Environment Agency, at that appeal the Finished floor levels had to be over 4.9 m above sea level, there is currently an appeal on the other side of the Road where the EA have advised but will let the LPA decide but their recommendation is the Finished floor levels need to be 6.21m above sea level-----but they wouldn't object to the one we were determining, go figure that one ----lack of moral courage springs to mind. Officers will now have to negotiate with the developer to see if they can gain some consistency. [The Developer has refused to negotiate any further, but we can say we asked should the properties be flooded in the future.](#)

The new Govt. state Food Security is important but obviously not enough to stop building on Farmers Grade 1 Agricultural Land.

There is a consultation on the new proposed NPPF and if you feel able to comment please do so some of their proposals are disastrous for our area. You can see CDC's proposed responses on the CDC Portal.

<https://chichester.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28308/14.0%20Response%20to%20Government%20Consultation%20on%20Proposed%20Planning%20Reforms.pdf>

Link to CDC's proposed responses. If this comes in it's scary, but I have also suggested that Farmers be allowed to build for relatives and farm workers

[It may be of interest to know that a judge recently issued a large fine in a planning enforcement case brought by the council. Miley Connors, 38, of Scant Road East Hambrook, was fined £28,000 last month and ordered to pay £4,000 towards the Prosecuting Council's costs following a sentencing hearing at Portsmouth Crown Court for breaching a planning Enforcement Notice. The notice required him to remove two chalet cabins from a permitted gypsy and traveller caravan site on land south of Scant Road East, Funtington. This involved a persistent period of non-compliance, which is why the judge imposed such a high fine in this case. We have planning rules in place to protect areas of countryside in our district and this demonstrates that that if people contravene these policies that we will act.](#)

[I would still like to see swifter action being taken by the Enforcement team. A new Strategy is being brought forward where the Elected member will be told of any decision before it is passed to the offender. Ward members often have relevant information which may change such a decision.](#)

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Policing.

Our Rural Crime team have been kept quite busy, mainly PCSO Collin Booker seems to be the one contacting our Farmers. But the Coursing season is well under way. I am pleased to say one of our officers at the Council was stopped on her way home after following her husbands 4X4 down a track to their home, by an unmarked Police Vehicle, at least it shows stops are being carried out on people in our area, though I suspect there are plenty of the rogues out and about judging by the traffic I've had on the WhatsApp Group. Thanks to all the Farmers and Rural workers that take the time to report issues and let others know about undesirables in our area.

It's unfortunate to say none of the recent reports about Coursing have resulted in any prosecutions or offenders being caught, there might be some discrepancy with the information being relayed to Patrols. The Police do want to help but for me the current Policing Model still does not work in our Favour. Unfortunately, I missed the Bournes Forum where Katy Bourne the PCC attended and spoke.

Please be careful if you challenge any of the individuals, in an Incident in Hampshire one Farmer was run down by the offenders and ended up in Southampton Hospital with serious Injuries including 2 broken legs. Please be very Careful, report any incidents to the Police, they will catch up with them in the end.

Please ensure you report any Crime or anti-social Behaviour issues without those reports we will not get the service we deserve.

I will continue to canvassing to get the Policing model changed by Katy Bourne our PCC from a Functional Model to the Geographical Model, Jo Shiner has been reappointed at the Ch. Constable after reapplying for the role on retirement.

Environment.

Walderton has all but dried up due to the Abstraction by Portsmouth Water, the EA officer servicing the area has now moved on and we are awaiting the name of whoever is replacing him, though I suspect if the EA could get away without appointing someone they would. I'm afraid yet again we see the EA left shouldering their responsibilities. I have spoken to our New MP Jess Brown Fuller who has agreed to meet with FotE and I hope she will be able to reinvigorate discussions with PW and the EA who we need desperately to review the abstraction Licence.

The EA are hoping the use per person can be dropped to 140 litres per person with meters being fitted from 160 litres per day. Our Target which developer work on it 100 to 120 litres per day does not take a genius to work out there is a significant difference.

I believe the restoration Plan is still about to be published by the WSRT they have made some amendments but not gone as far as we would have liked due they say to funding and the need to re-consult if they made all the changes FotE asked for. Sarah is doing her best to ensure we get the best deal possible and I know she has been meeting with the riparian owners of the Land around the Ems.

We have had a reasonable response to our Climate Change consultation with just under 1,400 people visiting our survey. We're busy reviewing the feedback and I'll keep you updated on the outcome. (This is out of a population of 133k in Chichester District Area)

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I am pleased to say Hyde have finally completed the replacement of the Waste Treatment Plant/Septic Tanks at Mitchmere Cottages, Stoughton, a great result after some considerable delays. I hope the residents there are pleased with the new arrangement.

Other Issues.

Mars is at the Cathedral entry to the Cathedral during the day is by voluntary donation and in the evening by ticket see link below for details.

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/mars-evening-viewings

We are trying to encourage people to the City Centre to re-invigorate the Night time economy.

Novium Museum, A rare Roman gold 'cuff' bracelet, found by a 12-year-old boy on a dog walk in Pagham has been acquired temporarily by The Novium Museum. It is hoped through a crowd funding page the required amount can be raised to purchase it for keeps (50% already raised toward the target) funding from the Arts Council England and V&A Purchase Grant Fund have been applied for. The story grabbed the attention of BBC South, who have been to the museum to cover the story – and it has also been covered by a Science magazine in France. These are just a couple of examples of the media interest we have received. You never know what you might discover when out and about! The bracelet is now on display if you would like to view it and find out more.

In December an Exhibition, 'I grew up in the 80's' will open Tickets £5 for adults and £3 for Children, or £1 for a family of up to 5.

Christmas A series of festive events are currently being planned in Priory Park to coincide with a Christmas market, which is being delivered by an external operator between 7 and 15 December. This will include arts and crafts activities; musical performances by local choirs and musicians; a bespoke pantomime and two silent discos. The Guildhall will be dressed and lit for the festive period, a vintage fairground ride and eco-friendly Christmas tree will be there as well, which will be part of a tree trail being organised by the Chichester BID.

Parking. Anyone can report a parking problem on the 'Report it' section on the council's webpage: <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/applyreportpay>

this report then goes straight to the Chichester Parking Enforcement Officers on duty for an optimal reaction time. (Only refers to Double and single yellow lines not to Unnecessary Obstruction or Parking off road).

And we have a 'What's On' guide at:

www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson

Sussex Six

There has been good progress with business engagement on this. There are now 31 Chichester District registered as Sussex Six businesses, who have pledged to stock at least six Sussex sourced products/ use Sussex sourced ingredients. In addition,

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there are 79 business directory registrations for the district. Designed to encourage people to shop Sussex

Looks like Andrew our WSCC Cllr and a call from me to a friend in County has resulted in signage saying unsuitable for HGVs have been agreed, that covers all main entrances to the Westbourne Parish area bar Westbourne Road. Please bear in mind these are advisory signs and not enforceable but a big step in the right direction.

Nick Bennet our senior Legal Advisor and Monitoring Officer has moved on to pastures new in South Oxfordshire, I am sad to have lost him, he was an excellent MO, we have a vacancy for the role and the Lady interviewed for the Post has for some reason declined to take it so we're back to square one in seeking a new MO.

Finally please encourage anyone you know that might be entitled to Pension Credits to claim them, that will make them eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment, which they won't otherwise receive. If in any doubt they can speak to an advisor at CDC through the switchboard and they will help ascertain if residents can claim.

Happy to answer any questions.

Thanks, Roy

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Minutes of the Bourne's Forum about Policing in West Sussex with Katy Bourne, PCC, on Monday 28 October 2024 at 7pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Katy Bourne, Sussex Police Crime Commissioner and Chief Inspector Dr Will Keating-Jone, District Commander of Chichester and Arun, Sussex Police. Cllr Sarah Foxall (Stoughton Parish Council), Cllr Martin Edney (Compton Parish Council), Cllr Stuart Reid (Compton Parish Council), Cllr Ranjit Verghese (Compton Parish Council), Cllr Jane Towers (Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council), Cllr Stephen Johnson (Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council), Cllr Neil Redman (Southbourne Parish Council), Cllr Helen Marshall (Fishbourne Parish Council), Cllr Lynda Hunter (Fishbourne Parish Council), Cllr Oona Hickson (Southbourne Parish Council and Chichester District Council), Cllr Tracie Bangert (Southbourne Parish Council and Chichester District Council), Cllr Penny Plant (Bosham Parish Council), Cllr Andrew Kerry-Bedell (West Sussex County Council), Cllr Adrian Moss (Chichester District Council), Cllr Richard Bates (Chichester District Council), Pam Bushby (Chichester District Council) and Debbie Kimpton (Chichester District Council).

In attendance: Clare Kennett, Clerk to Westbourne Parish Council.

Meeting chaired by Cllr Nigel Ricketts, Chair of Westbourne Parish Council. There were no members of the public or press.

1. Welcome: Cllr Nigel Ricketts opened the meeting and welcomed members. Cllr Ricketts informed members that a memorial for Cllr Richard Hitchcock had taken place earlier that day which had been well attended, and that Richard had been instrumental in arranging the meeting so that neighbouring parishes could discuss neighbourhood policing in the area. It was noted that a list of questions had been sent to Katy Bourne before the meeting which are listed in Appendix 1.

2. Katy Bourne, PCC: Policing in West Sussex: Katy Bourne (KB) explained that her role was not an operational one and that as a politician she acted as the voice of the public to scrutinise and hold the Chief Constable to account. It was up to the Chief Constable to decide how money was spent and resources were deployed. Sussex Police was the seventh lowest cost to the tax payer out of 43 counties in the country, and it was one of the safest counties to live in. Sussex Police received 60% of its funding from the government, with the remainder coming from taxation through the Precept. The government also decided how the money was spent and it was important to be realistic about what was available as if there were more police, it would cost the public more. For example, Brighton and Hove received more funding

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as there was more crime in that area and in Merseyside policing cost £100 more per person each year. Sussex Police were capped in how much it could charge residents through taxation and it varied from year to year but increases were around £10-15 per household each year. KB explained that this would not put a lot of bobbies on the beat. KB said she had lobbied the new government for an improved funding formula and Sussex Police was also successful in applying for grants and funding to increase its scope of work. KB said that she was not aware of Sussex Police having a risk-based approach to policing and it seemed, from the questions submitted before the meeting, that there was confusion between a geographic model of policing versus a community-based approach and that one was better than the other.

Chief Inspector Dr Will Keating-Jones (WK-J) explained that Hampshire Police had trialled a community-based model since January but there had been no review of that approach or consultation with residents and the impact was still unknown. WK-J said he understood that a similar meeting had taken place in Emsworth earlier in the year and he pointed out that the meeting had taken place because residents were also not happy about neighbourhood policing despite the new model. WK-J explained that Sussex Police had coverage across the area and its Neighbourhood Policing team consisted of two sergeants, four police officers and 13-15 PCSOs. Resources meant that they could not always be as visible as they wanted but they did respond to incidents as required across the District.

A member said that residents felt that they did not get the policing they needed, given the amount of funding paid by residents in the Westbourne Ward.

WK-J explained that a core grading policy had been introduced at call centres when responding to reports so that appointments were offered with the initial investigating team. This meant that queues were down and response officers had been freed-up so they were able to do more proactive patrol work. He also explained that new police officers were being trained in neighbourhood policing and they were being sent to rural areas to do patrols, meet people and get to know local issues. In addition, he said they had received funding for a large police vehicle which could be placed in areas to deal with local crime issues and have a visible presence.

KB said that the police were listening to concerns about neighbourhood policing and hoped that these measures would reassure people that improvements were being made and they would start to make a difference.

A member said that residents posted about crime on social media, that there was a feeling that the Westbourne Ward was neglected as it was on the border with Hampshire. Depending on postcodes, callers would be asked if they were in Hampshire, for example.

KB said that the police were unable to use social media due to not being able to register as an organisation, rather than an individual. They were grateful for any support elected members could give to encourage people to report issues and incidents to the police. KB said she had worked hard to improve the 101 non-emergency service and waiting times were now under three minutes, which was in the fastest three speeds in the country. KB explained that the new appointment system meant that residents could agree to being called back within 72 hours which was suitable for non-emergency issues. The police also dealt with a high number of persistent callers who had mental health issues.

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A member read out some statistics that he had researched from the police.gov.uk website that stated some crimes had increased in recent years. It was discussed that parishes had been encouraged to use the police.gov.uk website, which was the only way the public could access information, and that it was therefore seen as giving a truthful representation. KB said that the data on the police.gov.uk was misleading as some of the categories made crime sound more alarming than it was in reality and it was often out of date. KB recommended that parishes contacted Inspector Dave Lyons who would be able to provide the latest information. It was discussed that there was an absence of information for parishes and PCSOs often did not attend meetings, although they were supposed to attend parish council meetings at least once a year. Pam Bushby said that a quarterly online meeting had been set up with clerks with District Council officers in attendance to discuss local crime.

KB explained that there had been an increase in organised crime in shops and large retail organisations had worked together with a new national crime unit to tackle the issue.

A member said that the police had not responded to the council's report of on-going anti-social behaviour which had been unhelpful as a police presence could have prevented issues. Some years ago, a PCSO had worked closely with the group of people involved but their role had changed and the police no longer gave such dedicated support. WK-J asked the member to inform him of the issue and he would arrange for the police to be ready to help if needed.

The issue of e-scooters was discussed, as well as young people riding motorbikes and quadbikes on the roads which often were a menace. KB said they were illegal and some of the pilots run in some cities had gone quiet.

Rural crime was also discussed and KB said that they had allowed farmers to join the DISK network so that they could communicate with officers directly as incidents were happening. They also offered farmers a new way of marking equipment so that it could be tracked if it was stolen. It was discussed that rural crime was getting more confrontational and violent and Katy said to call 999 in an emergency situation.

A member asked about roadside testing of drivers for alcohol and drugs as delays meant they could continue to drive until test results were known. KB said there was a need to speed up testing and the police were unable to take away licences at the roadside due to being innocent until proven guilty. KB said there was a campaign to tackle this nationally and she could put people in contact if they wanted to support it.

3. Chairman's closing comments: Cllr Ricketts thanked Katy Bourne, who travelled from Haywards Health, and Dr Will Keating-Jones, who travelled from North Wales, both which were above and beyond and much appreciated. Cllr Ricketts also thanked members for attending.

4. Announcements and items for the next meeting: There were no announcements.

5. To note the date and location of the next meeting: It was noted that the next meeting would take place at Fishbourne at the Community Centre on Monday 27 January 2025.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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Appendix 1:

Questions sent to Katy Bourne in preparation for the meeting

- Will you be pushing for a Community based policing strategy in March 2025 rather than a risk based one, given:
 - The local Council Tax contribution to Sussex Police from Bourne residents is circa £1.5m.
 - A risk-based approach means less resources are focused on Bourne area and villages.
 - WSCC councillors voted unanimously in May to encourage Sussex Police to move to a more community-based policing strategy,
 - Hampshire has adopted a community-based policing strategy since January 2024.
 - Police response to incidents can take an hour to arrive, by which time crime perpetrators are gone.
 - Many residents have stopped reporting crime due to the slow / lack of police response.
 - Policing is concentrated in built up areas leaving no one for rural crime that happens in the countryside. We all contribute to the Police precept and therefore should expect some support when needed, when the crime is happening.

- How do you tackle the lack of police presence of any type (police, PCSOs, traffic cars) in Bourne that means criminals feel unchallenged and residents do not currently feel safe?

- How many extra police will Sussex Police be getting, and when, and what is the mix of Police and PCSOs?

- What is being done to tackle the increase in violent crime in Sussex and the 41% increase in ASB and 29% in theft?

- What do you see as the future for PCSOs given criminals do not seem to take much heed of them?

- What is being done in Sussex to tackle the fact that only 2% of car thieves are now charged in England and 80% of house burglaries go unsolved in England?

- How is Sussex police working with other forces, especially Hampshire, on County lines drug distribution?

- How will the predicted £20m budget cut this financial year affect Sussex policing and Bourne specifically?

- What is being done to tackle wildlife crime, a key problem in more rural Bourne villages and the SDNP.

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- What are the partnership projects you are currently working on with Surrey Police?
- Please explain why Sussex Police has given notice to leave the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership?
- Due to the lack of police response to reported crimes in the rural area and lack of Police presence in the rural areas, can we expect any improvements to this situation in the future?
- In Harbour Villages, we have seen an increase in theft of bicycles, especially high-value e-Bikes, but also other non-powered bikes. Some of these machines are worth many thousands of pounds, so have become a magnet to thieves. When thefts are reported to the police, the police response is a request for evidence. Even when evidence is provided, the thieves are rarely brought to justice. How can this plague of theft be brought under control by the police given their limited resources?
- How are the police tackling e-scooters as there has been an increase of their use in Westbourne, particularly by young people? What are the police doing to prevent them being used?
- There has been an increase of anti-social behaviour at Westbourne Cemetery and there has been a lack of police presence and response. What could be done to increase police reaction when incidents are reported?
- Westbourne has the highest number of gypsy/travellers in West Sussex and the village used to have a police liaison officer who worked closely with this community. Please could you explain what resource is now available?
- There have been a series of accidents on Emsworth Common Road in Aldsworth, which the police have attended. This is to do with vehicles driving round the bends too fast and coming off the road, sometimes hitting the bridge and either driving into the river or adjacent fields. Is this information passed to West Sussex County Council?

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(DC: Debit Card, DD: Direct Debit, BACS: Internet Banking, C: cheque inc. cheque number, PC: payment by petty cash, * earmarked reserve).

Payments for approval July		Total	Net	VAT
DD	O2 mobile phone Nov 2024	22.85	19.04	3.81
BACS	Confidential payments Nov 2024			
BACS	WSCC LGPS Oct 2024	502.32	502.32	0.00
	Microshade cloud storage and email			
BACS	accounts Nov 2024	155.95	129.95	23.62
BACS	MS 365 Nov 2024	10.32	8.60	1.72
	Vision ICT website hosting and support			
BACS	2025	354.76	295.63	59.13
	Kompan playground inspection October			
BACS	24	259.70	216.42	43.28
	Society of Local Council Clerks			
BACS	subscription 2025	240.00	240.00	0.00
		1,545.90	1,411.96	131.56
Payments for retrospective approval				
	N Ricketts reimbursement finger post			
BACS	sign repair paint	10.41	12.49	2.08
	GM Support playground inspections Oct			
BACS	24	220.00	220.00	0.00
	Joint Burial Committee parish			
BACS	contribution 2024/25	12,348.00	12,348.00	0.00
BACS	Viking ink cartridges and paper	93.91	78.26	15.65
	The Co-op, Bournes Forum			
BACS	refreshments	15.05	15.05	0.00
		12,687.37	12,673.80	17.73

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Agenda item 11: Correspondence list

- Employers NI increase following the Government's October budget. NALC has informed councils that MHCLG officials have said that parish councils will not be compensated for the increase in contributions.
- Consultation on remote meetings and proxy voting, closes 19 December
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings>
- CDC All Parishes meeting to take place on Zoom on 3 February 2025 at 2pm.
- WSCC Consultation on electric vehicle charge point installations, closes on 29 November <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/ev-chargepoints>
- WSCC consultation on its 2025-26 budget and priorities
www.westsussex.gov.uk/budget
- WSALC annual report 2023-24.
- A report from a West Sussex resident who has surveyed all the fingerposts in the county and sent a detailed report for the Council to consider.
- CDC consultation on the Southbourne Allocation Development Plan
<https://chichester.oc2.uk/> with a public exhibition on 20 November between 2pm and 7pm
- Presentation slides of the recent WSCC winter preparedness meeting which took place in October.
- Email from Mulberry & Co to say the contract with WSALC has been terminated but discounted training is still available to councillors.
- Email from WSALC about succession planning and that the Board has agreed that Emily Simpson will takeover the day-to-day management of WSALC from Mulberry & Co and will also take the position of Assistant CEO of WSALC.
- Sussex Resilience Forum consultation on how prepared Sussex residents are for emergencies <https://sussexpolice.welcomesyourfeedback.net/s/srf>