



Chairman's Monthly Newsletter November

'Project ResPOND' to improve the drainage by the pond and enhance its biodiversity is now literally in full flow! PHB Contractors from Henfield will do the civil engineering work and we will be working with all stakeholders to ensure that the project is delivered successfully. We have already had our first site meeting and it is likely that the work will begin in the New Year and be completed over a six week period. We will, of course, keep everyone advised of the timescales. There have been unavoidable delays in the tree work but, by the time you read this, it should have been completed.

West Sussex County Council are currently running 'Talk with Us' events, details of which are on our website. County Councillor Trevor Bence could not join our meeting this month, although we did welcome PCSO Caroline Wilson who spoke about the newly formed Rural Crime Team.

Caroline also spoke about Community Speedwatch, an initiative where trained volunteers from the community monitor local vehicle speeds. If anyone is interested in setting up such a scheme, they can find out more details by visiting the website communityspeedwatch.org and the neighbourhood policing team will also provide support. Previous efforts by the Parish Council to engage with West Sussex Highways on speed regulation for the A29 have resulted in improved signage. Thanks to their efforts we now have the VAS speed reduction sign and also the yellow backed signs. However, criteria for the installation of a speed camera are sadly linked to very serious recent accidents!

Continuing the theme of road safety, the design for the 'School Safety Zone' has been further refined based on feedback from various consultees including our own. The new school sign - to be sited north of the Meadway junction with Reynolds Lane - will now have neither the yellow backing nor the wig-wag lights and the 20 mph sign by Meadway will be relocated and mounted on the new post. The changes will reduce cluttering with signs and avoid urbanising the village.

The CPR & defibrillator session organised for November has attracted so much interest that we are almost at capacity, which is great news. We are therefore planning to run further sessions in the New Year so please continue to register your interest with Jan or Sarah. The session is designed to give you the skills and confidence to help someone should their heart stop and we have received very positive feedback from the previous session. The parish defibrillators will also be serviced shortly and we have organised loan equipment whilst this is happening.

Last but not least, we hope to complete the budget setting process for 2022/23 at our December meeting, in good time to meet Arun District Council's January 2022 deadline. More details to follow next month.

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