

Full Council – 28 November 2018

Councillor questions:

1. From Councillor Peacock to Councillor Peall, Cabinet Member for the Environment

Could the council please clarify their position in regard to bank maintenance along the RMC for which they are responsible for, from West Hythe Dam to the outfall at Seabrook? I understand that the weed cutter boat, hopefully modified to prevent further spillages of hydraulic fluid is still in use and that clearance of the footpath is still being done. However, residents, dog walkers, cyclists, horse riders etc are concerned about overhanging vegetation, over the whole bank from canal to bridleway not just alongside the paths, which also overhangs and in some areas impinges the passage of craft on to the waterway. Trees are regularly dying and falling across the banks or into the canal where they are left, or bits cut off and pulled to one side and left on the banks.

2. From Councillor Mrs Berry to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

As the Housing minister Kit Malthouse has told councils that they risk losing planning control if they fail to meet house building targets. If they drop below 85% of delivery they have to use an action plan. If they drop below 25% of delivery the government will take it out of their hands. Can Cllr Monk tell us what our % of the districts house building schedule we are on at present?

3. From Councillor Mrs Berry to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

Can Cllr Monk tell us what is happening to the repairs notice that is apparently being drawn up to serve on Church gate, and what is happening to the Building project as a whole?

4. From Councillor Peacock to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

How is the Council helping to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in the district.

5. From Councillor Mrs Wheeler to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

Does the Council have any involvement in supporting the Armed Forces in the district and what has been delivered over the past 12 months?

6. From Councillor Mrs Lawes to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

At the Core Strategy review brought to Overview and Scrutiny committee on 13 November 2018, I asked why there was no plans for the older people in the District and got no reply.

So I will ask again, where do older people fit into the district now and in the future?

7. From Councillor Mrs Lawes to Councillor Mrs Ann Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport

I have spoken to Stagecoach Buses about reinstating buses to Holland Avenue, which were withdrawn in the June service cuts at Stagecoach buses. They say, they cannot run buses because of parked cars. I had also asked the question at the QBP meeting on 24 August at FHDC.

Can you tell me what, if anything, is being done to control parking within Holland Avenue in order to restore bus services, that would alleviate the hardship and isolation these vulnerable people are suffering?

8. From Councillor Mrs Sacre to Councillor Goddard, Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee

I am in communication with Moat Homes Ltd which has continued for over 2 years vis a vis their properties in Pilgrim Spring. I have voiced my concern for consideration to be given when rebuilding on the site of the high rise flats which are at present being demolished, as there is a natural water spring in very close proximity to the site. It would appear to be the cause of the flats being made uninhabitable due to severe damp. How may we ensure any future residential development on this site is constructed with sensitivity to the natural water spring (a wildlife area was originally planned by Moat), or a reservoir to serve our local community?

9. From Councillor Mrs Sacre to Councillor Collier, Cabinet Member for the District Economy

While working for the probation service, in a former life, I visited Council house tenants, the salt of the earth indeed; however, it has come to my notice that our strategy of mixed housing is not socially beneficial. There is an acceptable divide between local authority tenants/affordable home owners/professional business families and wealthy residents. Much disharmony is resulting from living in close proximity to one another, which is having a disturbing negative impact on our communities. Can we readdress our planning strategy thus for our part, addressing any possible cause of social disharmony (this may be a suitable topic for Overview and Scrutiny to consider)?

1. From Councillor Meyers to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council

I have been informed that the review of the Emergency plan has now been completed and it is ready to go to the Corporate Leadership team. When it does may I request that specific attention is paid to the emergency escape route from Dymchurch in the event of inundation or other disaster? The route follows the Eastbridge road which has been reduced to a single lane in places because it has collapsed into the drainage dyke and I would ask Folkestone & Hythe District council bring pressure to bear on KCC and Highways to effect repairs expediently.