

Addendum to WCC Cllr Pearson's Annual Report May 2022

1. The new Council Cabinet was announced at the Annual Council meeting. It will be confirmed at tomorrow's Cabinet Meeting.



2. Cllr Derek Green of Stanmore was elected as the 823rd Mayor of the City of Winchester. Cllr Angela Clear of Wickham was elected as Deputy Mayor.



2. Reminder that the SDNP is its own Planning Authority but as yet we do not have any news regarding the numbers that they are required/expected to absorb. Soberton might be expected to receive an additional 40 or so houses as part of the WCC requirement.

3. Concerns are still being expressed by District Councillors in the rural Wards. Long delays in decision making are becoming more than embarrassing especially as there seem to be an increasing number of 'Retrospective planning applications coming forward!

4. The Planning Cttee is pushing to have a clear Policy regarding "Dog Walking" fields. That I am aware of their a proposal for one in Swanmore, and another in Lower Upham. Others are in Denmead (2), and Durley. Noise is only one of the issues of concern.

5. We are receiving many complaints regarding verge cutting, and over growing hedges. Hedgerows general are the responsibility of the land owner but verge cutting along Highways is the concern of IDVerde. But the latter concentrating on road junctions with biodiversity conservation governing the rest.

6. The Planning Cttee is waiting to receive advise on how Planners, and Developers are to deliver the 10% gain in biodiversity on sites, but also the reduction in nitrate/phosphate content being 'leached' from 'old arable' land.

They/we now also have to take into account the nitrate/phosphate content of "foul water" (human waste)!