

Cllr Johnny Denis's ESCC September 2023 Report

I was in touch with Highways about liaising with PC so that they could be informed about local issues when responding to Planning applications. They have sadly responded with a bristly email to say that they know what they are doing and that they leave it to the PC to submit their own response. Not entirely helpful in my opinion.

I have been briefed by Scottish Power on their plans for Old Farm Solar when they presented to Firle PC . Have raised the following; it is outside planning boundary and planning policy and they should have waited for the site, which was put forward in the call for sites to be included (if indeed it is) in a new Local Plan if they don't want to be tagged as opportunist developers. They indicated that they would be unlikely to complete before 2029. I'm sure the PC will have all the best questions but I highlighted that, if the Planning Application was successful they should commit to ensuring that any HGVs associated with the development should minimise impact by using A22 and the Broyle for access to this stretch of Laughton road which should be able to provide access to the site to avoid traffic impacts on lanes and on Laughton and Ringmer, of course.

A big thank you to the Parish Council for a great village picnic. A lovely atmosphere. Sadly, I missed the early activities. But it seemed a lovely event and I hope it goes from strength to strength.

I followed up on behalf of residents about hearing loop system failures for the planning appeal at Sussex University. They have really heard the problems and are committed to putting this right for the future.

Speeding is back on the agenda as many issues have been raised over the summer. While I re-commit to pressing the County Council to improve its policy about speeding, can I encourage the PC to encourage residents to Sign up to RADAR Community Speedwatch to help with home grown efforts to do more. And to encourage members and residents to re-commit to keeping their own speed down in the village as this, of course helps those behind them in traffic to keep slow.

Art Wave has kicked off again with its first weekend and will run for another two weekends in September. This Artwave celebrates 30 years and has more artist showing than ever before. Members, officers and the public are encouraged to visit [Artwave Festival](#) website to check for local venues and artists. It looks great!

At the County Council there is a bit of a shake up as the council moves into no overall control, the administration having lost both by-elections this summer, one to the Greens and one to Lib Dems. New committee allocations are being agreed.