

County Councillor Report to IV Parish Council: January 2019

Happy New Year !

Footpaths and Rights of Way: consideration currently of the Cycle Path to Worthy Down. Both County Councillors involved have met with the commissioning team. Land ownership for a variety of routes is being established so the best option can be proposed to interested parties.

An additional **£8.1m Social Services from Government** will be spent on Children's Social Care this year-as the number of children looked after is rising steadily. Public Health expect to spend over £23million on Children and Young People in 2019-20, out of a total PH spend of approx. £52m



I attended the **SDNP Local plan** on the first and final days. It will be interesting to see the Inspector's Report this Spring. The Inspector queried why the SDNP Local Plan proposal included housing numbers which are just 50% of the acknowledged requirement.

The CCTV is installed at the Cart and Horses but wasn't working just before Christmas. I have asked to view some sample CCTV footage this month.

A dash cam recorded an incident <https://vimeo.com/309646171> The driver clearly made a potentially serious error, but the CCTV will indicate whether this is a regular occurrence.

Tree cutting was carried out by HCC along major and minor highways before Christmas resulting in wider (and higher) carriageway widths , but some hedges belonging to farmers still remain. I have had complaints (and am dealing with) complaints about hedges which are cut differently by farmers, extending out at the base across the verge to the edge of the road leaving nowhere for walkers/cyclists.

Important: HCC is upgrading its IT system, including the website. It has put in additional security. When 'live', this will result in anyone with Windows 7 or before not being able to access the website. As yet, I don't know how much of a problem this will be, but we councillors have asked for a dedicated helpline to advise customers. There will be a 'banner' explaining this issue if your computer won't access the website. So- two simple matters:

1. Check that your Windows operating system is Windows 8 or higher.
2. Tell anyone you think this might affect- you can download Windows 10 for free, and give them a helping hand please.

Let me know if this does affect anyone you know. Many thanks

Footpath, Cycle Way and Bridleway claims

You may be aware there is a 2026 deadline for claims. With a 13 year backlog, the County Council is having to revise its policy. In my opinion, this is well overdue and I welcome any method that can speed up the process. But the aim is to reduce to a 5 year waiting list by 2024-which hardly seems the best solution? You can read more on the attached pdf. If you'd like to comment, please do so directly or contact me on Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk Thank you.

M3 becomes a Lorry Park in event of long queues for the ports. This rather worrying headline was reported this week. *Nothing* was mentioned of this in the HCC Cabinet meeting in December regarding Brexit planning. I doubt they even knew! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-46793341> I am asking HCC what plans they have to solve the resultant congestion.

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