

**COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**Item 4. County and District Councillors Reports**

**County Cllr. Edwards Heron**

No written report received

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**District Cllr. Diane Andrews**

Re the Census:-

Matt Wisdom the Census Liaison Manager and Rebecca Drummond is Assistant CLM, working with Peter Dewbery who is the ONS Census Engagement Manager for our area.

Councils are being asked to assist by publicising and supporting engagement in the census by including in newsletters, parish magazines and social media posts. I think they'd also welcome any very localised knowledge and support for hard to reach groups or individuals who may be known to the Parish Council and who otherwise may not be made aware that the census is taking place and how they can complete it.

My Report:-

I attended the Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel on Friday last week to consider the proposed rise in precept. I thought I was going to support a recommendation for the Commissioner to come back with a lower figure as did some of my colleagues on the panel. The Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney addressed us at some length and explained the present rise, in some cases as much as 50%, in Abuse of children, Child pornography and Domestic violence and that the complexity of policing is increasing as is the cost of more forensic time as crime moves online.

It wasn't all bad news last year there was an uplift of 153 new officers and an additional 146 for the coming 21/22 these are not replacements, but in addition to present numbers. We will retain our PCSO's and 150K will be spent on rural crime initiatives in the coming year.

Of interest, Hampshire police seized 6.6million pounds worth of cocaine the largest in the force's history. The three criminals from an organised crime gang received jail sentences totalling 30 years.

The Chief Constable spoke well and was very persuasive she even had survey figures to say that people in the New Forest were in favour of the rise in precept. The panel was won over and voted unanimously to support the precept.

Therefore, the policing precept of the council tax will increase by £15 per annum, raising an additional £10m for Hampshire Constabulary in 2021/22. This means that the Band D council tax precept for the force will rise from £211.46 to £226.46. a year.

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**District Cllr. Joe Reilly**

Re: Draft Waste Strategy - Report on Stakeholder Engagement survey

The survey results are currently being analysed by an external company:

Online survey response - 3786

Paper survey response - 79

Total - 3865 (761 received in the 10 day extension period)

This provides us with a robust sample which allows us to look at any significant differences across sub-groups within the analysis with statistical confidence.

Analysis includes responses in the free text boxes which have been totalled at 8165 entries throughout all survey responses.

Letters and emails from members of the public - 125

Town and Parish Councils - 21 responses

Stakeholder organisations - Verderers, NPA, FE, HCC, Lymington Society, Hythe Marina Association & Beaulieu Estate

## **Draft Waste Response from the General Public**

### **Food Waste Collections**

Changes to food waste collections are on the supported 74% think it is a good idea those who don't tend to already recycle their food waste and worry it will encourage animals

### **Frequency of Collections**

Changes to the frequency of general waste and recycling collections would only work well for around 25% of respondents. However the majority have storage concerns that would need addressing and some would want the weekly collections to remain.

### **Introduction of Wheelie Bins**

There is an even split between those expressing support for wheeled bins and those raising concerns, although 13% of those in favour would have to consider where they would store the bin of those raising concerns about wheeled bins, there are clear concerns about storage and visual impact of wheeled bins. Those in SO43 postcode area are very much against the idea whilst in the BH25, it is received much more positively

### **Recycling Changes**

Two thirds think that it is positive that recycling in the region will be improving, however the main reasons for objection, are storage issues and a general dislike of Wheelie Bins. The BH25 area are most in favour of these changes.

### **Garden Waste**

50% of those impacted by Garden Waste changes think it would be just be easier to use a reusable bag. This is especially the case in the SO42/SO43 area of the region

### **Recycling Banks**

62% of people are in favour of the changes to the recycling bank. A further 15% would potentially change their behaviour to recycle more from home. Main concerns raised include an increase in fly tipping and excess recycling

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**District Cllr. Derek Tipp**

**No written report received**