

County Report for Stedham Parish Council 9th May 2024

Highways issues

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Great to see the Stedham – Midhurst cycle scheme completed.

Ashfield Road scheme completed

I have had a meeting with the School leaders with regard to the Bepton crossing in Midhurst the team are applying for a community highway scheme.

Health and Adult Social Care Committee – HASC

At the March meeting we had an opportunity to scrutinise the St Richards Hospital downgrade by CQC from Outstanding to Requires Improvement we also reviewed the update on the ambulance service.

The health leaders are working to decrease the backlog of waiting times for planned surgery, the ambulance service presented their improvement plans. They have made significant progress related to their Category 2 (heart attack and Stroke) emergency response times. The cancer referral to diagnosis times have improved but the time to treatment is still in many cases taking longer than their target.

The leaders admitted the backlog for planned treatment and for emergency treatment was causing significant harm.

Full Council – March

2 motions were debated

Motion on property disposal

Calling for more coordination with local planning authority and more engagement with local members and stakeholders prior to these decisions being made.

Motion on Digital Exclusion

Committing the council to commit more focus to identifying digital excluded groups who tend to be more vulnerable and improving their access to services.

This was unanimously agreed.

Education

Proposal to relocate Jessie Younghusband school to a new school at Minerva Heights. The decision has been made to proceed to statutory consultation. Decision driven by cost and the urgent need for SEND places.

Big disruption to children parents and the wider community in North and West of Chi with this proposed change.