



Chair's Report June 2023

The beginning of the month saw one of our free CPR & Defibrillator Familiarisation sessions running, this was well attended by members of the community from diverse organisation and myself, who now feel confident to access one of the defibrillators around the village. Cllr Want is working with Christine in the office, to identify where else in the village need early access to a machine, and to see who we can work in partnership with to provide them.

The Grand Opening of Angmering Grange Care Home, saw over hundred people, shown the amazing facilities of the first care home in the village. I was privileged to experience many of the services included in an individuals time in their home, including the en-suite rooms and larger suites, ice cream parlour, cinema, spa area, summer house and garden to name a few things. We are delighted that Hallmark will continue to offer the Community Cuppa, and look at how they can continue to work in the community.

I attended the General Meeting of the Community Centre Trustees, to adopt their new constitution. They were delighted to hear that this had been verified by the Charity Commission within a week. Angmering in Bloom held their annual plant sale at the Village Hall, it was well attended, with plants walking out of the door very quickly. I was able to pick up a few bargains as were a number of Councillors and Office Team!

You will have seen a brief report from the Clerk on the Angmering Advisory Group, that was held last month. These meetings are always very productive, and working with Cllr Cooper, we are keen that these continue, with Officers and representatives from Developers attending, to enable solutions to be found for the best outcomes for our community.

I had an online meeting with Cllr Matt Stanley the new Leader of ADC, I was able to raise some of the challenges that Angmering has experienced with ADC, as well as the challenges of the number of developments that are taking place, and the impact that this is having on local infrastructure. I was left feeling confident that he understands the issues in Angmering, and that there is an open door to discuss them with him.

The first meeting of the New Parish Buildings Working Group took place, this is to scope out the projects that we have commissioned BAQUAS to look at, and look at the detailed project plans and timelines for community engagement, and identifying funding streams. Reports will be brought to Council in due course.

I attended the ADALC Management Group, plans are beginning on the next conference, how to work with ADC whilst the interim arrangements are in place prior to the appointment of a new CEO, and a realistic template for membership fees.

Thank you to Cllr Evans for arranging the first Climate Action Plan Drop In. Whilst disappointingly there weren't any members of the public the discussions with Rachel from WSCC Waste Team, Cllr Urquhart and ourselves, was very useful and will hopefully help in taking the plans forward.

To round off the month, we had the opening of Russet Park Play Area. There were well over 100 children and young people, with many families attending. The overall response to the play park has been very positive, therefore fulfilling our brief after consultation and surveys was simple, to provide a fun, inclusive but challenging park for the under 8's, and available for those with mobility and additional needs, something that isn't available anywhere else in Angmering. In addition a park that is appealing to young people and is a space which girls and young women want to go. I truly believe that we have delivered this and more with this park.

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