

NORTHERN ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT JUNE 2023

Now that the elections have finished and everything finalized, the chief executive Malcom Johnson is retiring from his position.

Lorna Ford will be taking up the position of interim chief executive at Rother District Council until a permanent chief executive is in place.

Full Council meetings and committees have now started to take place and if members of the public wish to view Council committee meetings they can as these are now online.

We have been in contact with a **police officer** Roger Tomlinson at Battle police station, to try and find out who is the PCSO officer for the Parishes of Northiam and Beckley. We now know that it is Becky Unicombe. We are waiting for her to contact us so we can arrange a meeting with her and the two Parish Councillors for Northiam and Beckley who are the PCSO representatives for the respective councils.

Bodiam and Ewhurst Parish Councils used to have "Teams" meetings with the police but these will no longer be taking place; because of an increase in staff they now hope to go back to localised policing. The PCSO for these two parishes is Rachael Scott.

Rother DC housing company is having a drop- in session on the 9th of June at Battle memorial hall TN33 0AQ between 3.30-7pm. This is for people who are interested in the proposal of 200 new homes that are going to be built at the Blackfriars site in Battle.

The spine road, part of the development, was originally estimated at £4.1 million. The latest estimate is £15.8 million, four times the original projection.

House building was planned to begin in July 2023. This will now be October 2024 at the earliest.

Estimated completion date for the whole project was "from" Spring 2025 (whatever that means). It is now felt that completion will be now be "2026 onwards".

As at 5 June 2023 no external directors have been appointed to the ROTHER DC HOUSING COMPANY, the company set up by the ruling alliance to oversee the project.

A service Level Agreement between RDC and the housing company is essential to show that the housing company is independent of RDC. As at 5 June 2023 no SLA has been published or implemented.

We have been asked to investigate some issues residents in our Parishes have. These have been passed on to the relevant departments and hopefully they can be resolved for everyone concerned.

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