

Frederick Road News



From your local Labour team: *Peter Chowney & Tania Charman*

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Local Developments



There are two major developments on Frederick Road taking place at the moment. One is at the Little Acres Farm

site, for 32 new homes, and the other on the 'Road to Nowhere' site opposite Oakfield Road, for 40 homes.

Peter Chowney said:

"Both these sites have been earmarked for development for some time, so it's good to see works finally taking place.

The Little Acres Farm site wasn't an ideal planning application in our view, the development is rather cramped, but it's well underway now and we've had few complaints. If you've experienced any problems, let us know. The 'Road to Nowhere' site though has yet to receive planning approval.



Peter Chowney

Highway officers have said that there should be a pedestrian crossing included on Frederick Road as part of the development, which would be helpful. But the plans submitted do not include the greenway route through the site that's required by the Borough Plan, so we're still objecting to it. No date has yet been set for the plan to go to committee, as council planners are not satisfied that the plans comply with council policies. There have been complaints too about lorries parking in Frederick Road waiting to get into the site, but this seems to have stopped after we complained to the developer. But again, if there are any other problems, do let us know."

Still Flooded

In 2016, East Sussex County Council carried out major works to the culvert under Frederick Road to prevent flooding. But in the recent heavy rains, Frederick Road again flooded, making the road impassable.



Tania Charman said:

"The county council carried out major works to rebuild the culvert, which carries the Speckled Wood stream under the road and eventually to Alexandra Park. That seemed to work for a while, but now the floods are back. It's not clear why this is happening. It's possible that the culvert has been blocked by debris, or that there's a blockage further down the culverted stream, which might be down to Southern water to fix. Highway officers have told me they're going to investigate why the problem is still occurring, but as your county councillor I'll be pressing them to sort it out. With really heavy rainfall, flood waters could rise high enough to affect neighbouring houses. They must fix this problem once and for all so that can't happen."



Tania Charman

Your Polling Station Is Back!

After much confusion over the polling station being relocated to The Bridge for the general election and county council election, Clifton Road Methodist Church (at the top end of Clifton Road) will be available again for voting in the Hastings Council elections on May 3rd this year.

The Bridge Community Centre: A New Beginning



Last year, The Bridge Community Centre Trust had to wind up because of lack of funds, after twelve years

transferred to local charity The Parchment Trust.

Tania Charman said:

“ It was disappointing that the Bridge Trustees ran out of funding—sadly a victim of the government’s austerity cuts, and the lack of public funding for community groups. But I’m pleased that HVA and the trustees were able to find a local charity that had the resources to take on The Bridge. The Parchment Trust currently run a range of different activities and services for the community, including art classes, cooking, sport, fitness and horticulture. They will allow the building’s current users to continue, as well as re-opening the café and developing the garden to help local people gain horticultural skills. As local councillors, we want to work with them to plan a new future for The Bridge.”

of running the building since it first opened. Although the building remained open for groups who already had booked sessions there, its future was uncertain. Hastings Voluntary Action began a process to find a new organisation that would be able to take over the building, working with the trustees to find an arrangement that could provide a sustainable future. Several organisations were considered as future owners of the building, with The Bridge eventually

Ore Community Land Trust Needs You!
 As a local charity set up to protect and look after Speckled Wood, OCLT needs local people to volunteer and get involved to organise events, raise awareness of the woodland, and carry out maintenance tasks. See their website at:
www.orecommunitylandtrust.org.uk/



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