

## District Councillors Report November 2021

I'm sorry I will not be joining you this evening, but I have a stinking cold and do not want to pass it on.

### Independent Living

As Parish Councillors you are probably aware of those in your community who might need assistance/help while living alone, disabled, suffering with mental health, dementia, or being looked after by family, **those who would not normally ask** but you can see that a little help would enable them to stay living independently. Those living in social housing are normally looked after by their provider but those with private landlords may be eligible.

There are numerous grants available to help those in the categories mentioned above, covering adding aids to the home to enable them to get around safely, help with heating costs, replacement boilers, minor house repairs, garden clearance etc.

Once the individual has stated that they would like help, the initial contact or way forward is through the HELP HUB on 01508 533933. All applicants must be assessed for their needs and eligibility.

### Gliding Club

I have tried to get a resolution to the issues of extreme noise caused by irresponsible motoring groups.

The Environmental Protection (noise) team at SNC do not really see this as an issue as it is only occasional. I took Ken to meet with the director responsible, after an hour with him, although he was somewhat sympathetic, he was not prepared to make any enforcement notices on the Gliding Club.

I pursued a different approach via Health & Safety, as feel their H&S is sadly lacking and they do not look after their customers at all well. I have been told that they have discussed the issues with the 2 motor clubs, and they have promised to look at their procedures and policy to work with SNC. However, they did not address the problem of no crash helmets or rollover bars and a repeat of the question has not produced a response.

The only real answer I got was that they would attend and monitor the situation next year. I can assure you that I will be at the first meetings and armed with a camera. Having been a H&S consultant in the past I know what is going on here is wrong and must be addressed.

I have now been told that there is the strong likelihood of truck racing next year!!!!!!!

We need to garner more support, a petition maybe, we need support of the surrounding parishes to see if they are affected and then have another go at Environmental Protection. There is no point in complaining if you are not prepared to join a protest group, put your

name down and do something about it. At present I am only aware of 1 person pushing ahead to get something done.

If there is anything I can help you with please email me:-

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