

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

There has been no formal meeting but there is frequent communication between the two members.

Apart from the report in the Parish Magazine, no other general communication has been necessary. The protest walk concerning the axing of the school bus service from East Chilington to Chailey school was due in that report but advance notification was received that it had been called off on police advice.

The communications team would like to encourage parishioners to sign up to e-mail updates via the web master. This is an ideal way to communicate into all homes that have e-mail facilities, whilst continuing with the notice boards campaign for those who haven't. Further discussion is required from the full PC as a number of Councillors already have a "plumpton" email address but do not use it generally.

I visited ESCC mobile office that is being visited more frequently since it was publicised notably by the PC on noticeboards and through the Parish Mag. It is being used more and the WI members are paying interest in it.

Highspeed Broadband. I have reported previously on the ESCC conference that Darryl Bailey and I attended and it is on the agenda for the January meeting.

POLICING & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Ali Christie is progressing his **Neighbourhood Watch** network.

PCSO Steve Knowles has produced a report for the January magazine and there have been incidents of vehicle damage, fuel thefts and break-ins to outbuildings.

Street Watch. I reported to Sussex Police that PPC is supportive of the scheme as a pilot in Plumpton. CI Moloney has said that she will provide hi-vis jackets from her funds and I now await guidance from her on the next step.

Police Service Changes. The Police Authority is due to be abolished at the end of 2012 and its responsibilities taken over by the Police and Crime Panel headed by an elected Police and Crime Commissioner. The Chief Executive of the Sussex Police Authority encourages Parish Councils to engage in the electoral process for the local PCC. This will be an agenda item for December.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The ball is now in the court of AiRS and LDC and I have heard nothing from either since the last report.