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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

There is one important issue to bring to your attention. As you may be aware, the delay to the Chichester District Council's Local Plan Review means that CDC has no current plan to handle housing numbers. To fill the gap on a temporary basis the CDC Planning Committee has approved a Draft Interim Policy Statement for Housing. This statement is 'out for consultation' - and the Parish Council Planning Committee will consider it at our meeting on 7 July. However, the District Council Planning Committee agreed at its meeting on 3 June that the Statement was "approved for development management purposes to be used to assess relevant planning applications with immediate effect."

As a result, we are likely to see a spate of planning applications from developers eager to take advantage of the situation. Indeed, we know of three applications affecting the parish, one of which has already been submitted and two others likely to come forward.

In this fast-moving situation, the Parish Council will not be able to warn you individually of each application, and we will have to respond quickly. I must therefore advise that anyone interested in planning applications and their potential impact should keep an eye on announcements in the local paper, the District Council's planning website, and the Parish Council's own website.

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