

District Councillor Report – Sellindge Parish Council 8 October 2024

Winter Fuel Allowance – In July 2024, the government announced that the Winter Fuel Payment will become a means-tested benefit, so around 10 million people will now lose out on this payment. You will only get Winter Fuel Allowance automatically if you receive **Pension Credit** or another social security benefit. At the Full Council Meeting, held at The Marsh Academy, last Wednesday, I put forward a motion that included writing to the Chancellor to ask her to reconsider the decision to withdraw the Winter Fuel Allowance for all Pensioners. Unfortunately, the opposition voted against the motion, instead opting to work with KCC in respect of the Household Support Fund which is funding from Government to support the most vulnerable.

Otterpool Park – Negotiations continue to take place with Homes England but they are ‘dragging’ their feet. A working group has been set-up within the Council to consider the options being discussed with Homes England and also looking into other possibilities.

Call for sites – the District Council has today, issued a ‘call for sites’ press release. It is an opportunity for residents, parish councils, landowners, developers and other stakeholders to suggest land – with the potential for future development – for a wide range of uses. These include housing, employment, leisure, community, open space or areas set aside for nature.

Sellindge Patients Participation Group – the Annual General Meeting will take place at the Surgery on Monday 14 October at 18 30, and patients are invited to attend. The speaker is the IC24 Regional Quality Director for Kent and Sussex who will discuss the services that IC24 provide.

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