

## **District Councillors' Report – 31 October**

**The Piggeries** – The Head of Planning has briefed us on this planning application and has assured us that if Officers' recommend approval it will go to the Planning & Licensing Committee for a decision. Currently KCC have objected on Highway Grounds, other statutory agencies have yet to comment.

**Taylor Wimpy** – Jenny and representatives from the District Council were shown around the Sage Housing Association affordable and shared equity properties last week. The Government's 'Help to Buy' Scheme supports the shared equity properties and Sage work with the Council on allocation of the affordable properties. It appears that all properties, including open market properties, have been allocated and there are even people on a waiting list!

**Cost of Living** – resulting from the Cost of Living Summit organised by the District Council, a leaflet is due to be published shortly with details of core services and support. On 12 November there will be a 'Cost of Living' event at FOLCA where statutory and voluntary services will be available to give advice and help – there will also be details on 'warm spaces' and winter coats will be available (if anyone has spare coats and would like to donate them, they can take them to Folkestone Community Hub at Age UK South Kent Coast Shaftsbury Avenue Cheriton). Further details on all schemes can be found on the Council website.

**Household Support Fund** – as part of Round 3, the Council has been allocated about £200,000 to support vulnerable local residents. Further details on criteria have yet to be received but as soon as this is available the application form will be on the website.

**Hythe Pantry** – just a reminder that the Hythe Pantry is now open and residents can become members – pay £5 per visit and receive between £20 to £25 of food. For further details see [www.rainbow-centre.org/our-services/hythepantry/](http://www.rainbow-centre.org/our-services/hythepantry/)

**My Community Voice** – the Police are keen that more people sign up for My Community Voice as it is a way of hearing what is happening locally and can be used to communicate with Officers – it is not a platform for reporting problems, these must be reported either on-line or on 101.

**Otterpool Park** – keep an eye out for free events that are planned for Westenhanger Castle over the next few weeks, details can be found on the website.

**Ward Grants** – we have funds available to support small projects, please do contact us or complete an application form which can be downloaded from [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-funding/ward-budget](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-funding/ward-budget)

**Ukrainian guests** – the scheme is currently asking for more hosts – further details can be found under the KCC Report.