

**COUNCIL MEETING – 6 NOVEMBER 2024**

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS PURSUANT TO  
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14.3**

**Q1 Councillor Keir Greenway to the Chair of the Environment Committee,  
Councillor Wallsgrove**

**Q1** Can the Chair of the Environment Committee confirm that as a riparian owner, when did Arun District Council last maintain the bank of the Aldingbourne Rife adjacent to the land it owns?

**A1** The Aldingbourne Rife is classified as a “Statutory Main River”. The Environment Agency has historically managed the Rife using its permissive powers as it does with other main rivers nationally. Consequently, Arun District Council has not conducted maintenance works on the Rife.

Furthermore, the Agency has carried out, or is due to carry out, a programme of planned works this financial year. The programme covers a significant portion of the rife and includes areas where ADC is the riparian owner.

**Q2 Councillor Keir Greenway to the Chair of the Policy & Finance Committee,  
Councillor Lury**

**Q2** Can the Leader of the Council, and my fellow member representing Bersted Ward, commit to setting up a meeting with ward members, officers from housing, cleansing and the police to see action and improvement to the Trees Estate?

**A2** A full response has been provided to us both setting out the actions that have been taken, and are in progress to remove the fly tipping, survey and repair the bins’ stores, and repair the bench seat.

In addition, officers have recently set up a resident group called the ‘Voice of Bersted’ which meets every quarter, the purpose of the group is to hear about local issues from residents that live in the area and what their priorities are, we ask them to work with us to help us improve our services. Our aim is to ensure that residents are involved in the decisions we take about the areas they live in, our next meeting will be in January, and we would like to extend the invitation to you as we will be discussing areas that residents have told us are a priority to them.

I would suggest that we work with our residents to resolve all issues.