ROAD UPDATE

You may have noticed that the work to replace gas mains has been in full swing for the last 10 weeks. The plan is to dig holes every 50 metres or so rather than dig an unbroken trench. As you might expect, problems have already been encountered but the anticipated completion date is April 2011.

The letter sent from the BID chairman to the deputy leader of West Sussex County Council (who is also the cabinet member for Highways and Transport) and our local MP Tim Loughton, can be found on the website along with the reply. Tim Loughton was very supportive of our case to have the roads resurfaced and recognised the negative effect they were currently having on the business park. In the meantime, WSCC will continue to carry out temporary repairs on potholes providing they meet

their definition of a pothole (which is a hole in excess of 100mm deep). If you are aware of any such potholes, please report it to highways by email (highways@westsussex.gov.uk).

The collapsed drain in Marlborough Road continues to frustrate everyone with the remedy now firmly in the hands of arguing insurance companies. It all boils down to the legal problem of confirming where the responsibility lies. I am assured that work will commence on the repair just as soon as a decision is reached.

There is also subsidence in the road surface outside Elm Business units in Chartwell Road. This is due to poor reinstatement of the road following the laying of cables. The contractor who carried out this work has now been instructed by WSCC to carry out remedial work to properly repair the road surface.



CCTV SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM UPDATE

The CCTV security camera system is now fully operational and so far there have been several requests from the police to assist in their investigations relating to crimes committed. The use of the data captured by the cameras is strictly controlled under the Data Protection Act and therefore a procedure has been drawn that must be followed. Please also read the article about CCTV camera system on the park inside.

Updates will be published on the website:

www.lancingbusinesspark.co.uk

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Mike Nea has been busy around the park clearing weeds, cutting back shrubs and generally tidying up the area. His next project is to do a makeover of the Triangle utilising old railway sleepers to make an area suitable for planting. Given the history of the park, railway sleepers seem to be an appropriate material to use! In the Autumn Mike was assisted by the local council who provided both additional manpower and plant and

machinery for one day. The work he can do in Winter is limited but the difference that his efforts have made are clear for all to see.



Like me, Mike is concerned about the speed of traffic on park roads

and has had to jump out of the way on more than one occasion. Please remind your staff that the speed limit is 30 mph on all roads.