

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

**Title:** Report Item 4 – Business in Progress

**By:** K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

**Purpose:** To provide an update on progress since the January meeting

**Recommendation:** To note the progress report

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The following are matters of report arising from the January council meeting:

- **ESCC Highway matters** – the following points are to be pursued at the next SLR meeting:
  - a) reconsider 30 mph signage for motorists turning into Gilberts Drive from Eastbourne
  - b) ask for repairs to two noisy manhole covers on the A259 (even though the Highway Steward has had two others fixed, the problem continues)
  - c) request an advance Birling Gap sign for eastbound motorists
  - d) continue to press for more and better timed verge cutting on the Birling Gap road between the former sheep centre and Shepherd's Cottage
  - e) request a speed roundel on the A259 near the Upper Street junction
  - f) check whether the Roads Company could legally paint speed roundels on Estate roads
  - g) consider remedial measures against parking at junctions (especially A259/Micheldene Road)
  - h) Sussex Police to be invited to attend next SLR meeting if all parties agree.
- **Police Highway matters** – we await further word from the Sussex police about the need for the ANPR camera on the A259. If there is any prospect of moving it across the road, the parish council may wish to consider swapping it with the East Dean Village Sign (and replacing the letter 'S' which is upside down).
- **Watch your speed initiative** – the RA may suggest a location/time for a PCSO to do a speed check on the Estate. Sussex Police have been asked for a second speed check in Gilberts Drive
- **Parish highway matter** - get the verge cleared outside Forge Cottage
- **Village Design Statement** – SF organising printing
- **Downlands Way covenant fees** – 2016/17 invoices issued
- **Waste bins and dog bins** – all outstanding matters have been contracted out by Wealden District Council to JH Payne for completion, except installation of Leaffield bins which the parish will undertake. New lids for concrete bins have to be specially ordered but should arrive soon
- **Precept requirement 2017/18** – request form has been sent to WDC (no change from 2016/17)
- **War Memorial** – the Gilbert Estate has requested insurance and other information, all of which has been supplied by the contractor. A site meeting has been offered if required. Work should begin on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The names on the memorial are to be refurbished on completion of repairs.
- **Play Project** – a 'Friends of...' constitution has been drafted, and information obtained about Public Works Loans Board application procedure, plus loan illustration; KL has booked a place at a fund raising seminar (Action in Rural Sussex). VAT implications are being researched.
- **East Sussex Association of Local Councils spring conference** – booked for SF

The following are matters of report arising from previous meetings:

- **Nomination of Barn Stores as an asset of community value** – a report will be brought to the council in March
- **Friston crossing** – A decision is awaited as to whether ESCC Highways will do a feasibility survey.
- **Verge cutting** – full details of the changes required to the parish/county areas of responsibility have been sent to the ESCC Asset Management Team and are under consideration.
- **Footpath signs to the coast** – detailed plans in preparation by PH
- **Pavilion water supply and waste water** – KL is in contact with Business Stream, the new waste water and supply provider
- **Various repairs at rec and play area** – PH to inspect and report on action required regarding the broken bollard on The Drove; and the missing gate latch on the lower gate to the play area.
- **Online access for Vice Chair to council bank accounts** – Mandate change is required
- **False acacias** – Richard Bartlett (Tree Warden) is yet to report

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