

Date: 6th April 2017

Title: Report Item 13 – Correspondence

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the March meeting

Recommendations: To note the report

The following items of correspondence have been received since the March council meeting:

- **British Library** – claim to be supplied with copies of the parish council's newsletter *Rendezvous* as a published serial
- **Wealden District Council** – the council is developing a new crematorium on a site near to Horam and work on its construction will be starting later this year.
- **The Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team** – the Team thanks the parish council for its donation of £500, which will directly benefit the vital work of the Team.
- **Maria Caulfield MP** – Sport England has just launched a Community Asset Fund which the parish might be eligible to apply to, for work at the pavilion (children's play grounds are excluded, and so is football)
- **Cllr I Haydock** – a proposal by East Sussex County Council to dispose of the Seven Sisters, which they own, has been made public. ESCC is said not to want to sell the land, but to offer it to a suitable organisation which can maintain it as it is, thus saving the county the current annual maintenance costs.
- **UK Power Networks** – Stakeholder Newsletter, spring 2017 (copies available on request). UK Power Networks wants to help vulnerable people in the community to sign up to the free Priority Services Register. Application forms are available, or residents can quickly sign up online at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/parishcouncils
- **East Sussex Association of Local Councils** - On Friday 19th May 2017 ESALC will be holding their half yearly meeting with Giles York, Chief Constable to Sussex Police. If PCs have any strategic or unresolved topics that they would like to be raised at the meeting then ESALC needs to know by **Friday 5th May** at the latest.
- **Natural England** – please see attached letter regarding a proposed England Coastal Path.

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Dear Sir/Madam ,

England Coast Path - improvements to public access along the coast: Shoreham by Sea to Eastbourne, West and East Sussex

We are writing to inform you about plans to improve public access on foot along the Sussex coast from Shoreham by Sea to Eastbourne, to form part of the England Coast Path, a long distance walking route along the English coast.

We understand from information held by the Land Registry, or our own records, that you are an owner or occupier of land that may be affected by the proposals.

We would like to seek your views as to the route this path will follow, before preparing coastal access proposals and this letter is the first part of the process. You should find a reply slip enclosed – to confirm or amend your contact details and your preferred method of contact. **Please would you complete and return the attached reply slip by email or post to the address on the slip.**

The England Coast Path is being established as a result of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The legislation requires the preparation of a report to the Secretary of State for each stretch of the coast: setting out our proposals and seeking approval. Proposals for the East Head to Shoreham by Sea stretch will be prepared over the coming months. We will work closely with the local access authorities and other interested parties who will provide expert local advice and ensure there is full consultation with local interests. It is important to note that there will be no new public access rights to the coast in this area until proposals have been approved by the Secretary of State.

This part of the coast is already well served by existing public rights of way where they closely follow the coastline. Our approach will be to adopt parts of the existing public rights of way as the England Coast Path, *where it meets the path principles*. In other sections, we would either seek to create new access or follow other paths. Once opened, the new route will become a National Trail.

In those areas affected by coastal erosion or change, the legislation allows for the path to move inland in line with the changes – a process known as 'rollback'. The legislation also aims to allow public access rights over coastal land between the trail and the sea, but makes it clear that areas such as houses, enclosed gardens, and other enclosed spaces are not subject to these new rights.

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We would emphasise that no decisions on the recommended route will be made until all landowners and interested parties have been consulted. We are very keen to meet you as soon as possible to discuss your views on potential routes for the trail along your stretch of the coast and to hear any concerns you may have.

We can meet you either individually and/or as a group, and arrange a site visit. Additionally we would very much welcome you at one of our drop in sessions, the details of which are shown below. Our preference would be to meet you in person but if that is not possible for you we would be very happy to receive comments by letter or e-mail.

Drop in sessions for Shoreham by Sea to Eastbourne. Arrive any time during the period provided below for a 1 to 1 discussion with an advisor.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 26 th April 2017	5.30pm-7.30pm	Community House Town Hall, 2 Meridian Way, Peacehaven, BN10 8BB
Wednesday 17 th May 2017	5.30pm-7.30pm	Rottingdean Village Public Hall, Park Road, Rottingdean, BN2 7HL
Wednesday 31 st May 2017	5.30pm-7.30pm	Portslade Town Hall, Victoria Road, Portslade, BN41 1YF
Thursday 15 th June 2017	5.30pm-7.30pm	Clinton Centre, Clinton Place, Seaford, BN25 1LW
Tuesday 27 th June 2017	6pm-8pm	Hillcrest Centre, Bay View Road, Newhaven, BN9 9LH

Enclosed with this letter you will find a reply slip – to confirm or amend your contact details and your preferred method of contact. Please would you complete and return this reply slip by email or post.

Some membership organisations offer information or advice about this project which you may find helpful.

You can find additional information on our website at: <http://tinyurl.com/ECP-home>

This includes details of our **2013 Coastal Access Scheme**, which sets out the approach we follow in preparing our proposals. <http://tinyurl.com/Approved-Scheme-2013>. Section 2.3 provides more explanation of the new access rights and where these do and do not apply. Stage 1 of the Shoreham to Eastbourne stretch of the coast path was officially launched in September 2016: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-shoreham-by-sea-to-eastbourne>

I would be grateful if you could pass the information in this letter on to any tenants or other people with a legal interest in your land (such as tenants or grazing rights), and ask them to contact us directly so that we can also consult them.

Yours faithfully,

Jenny Bowen
Senior Advisor