

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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

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

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

**Recommendation:** To note the progress report

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

- **ESCC Highway matters** – the draft agenda for the next county liaison meeting (SLR) on 11<sup>th</sup> April has been circulated to all councillors and picks up all the matters raised since the March meeting, or still outstanding from previous meetings
- **Police Speed checks** – the Residents' Association has suggested that a speed check be done in Micheldene Road, at some point between the A259 junction and Wenthill Close. This request has been passed to the Sussex Police. The parish council has also asked for a speed check to be done in the Gilberts Drive 30mph zone.
- **A27/Exceat Bridge upgrade** – a letter has been sent to Maria Caulfield MP, suggesting that funding not used on the Chichester bypass should instead be used on the upgrade of the A259 Exceat Bridge and/or the A27 from Lewes to Polegate
- **Hire of recreation ground** –
  - a) Rompa stoolball club – the council offered an introductory hire charge of £250 for the season, but because the booking would attract VAT (being fewer than 10 sessions) this would only be £2 less than the ordinary charge of £252. Would the council wish to reconsider the charge?
  - b) Rude Mechanicals – the council is requested to consider whether a hire charge should be paid for the visit by the theatre company on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, and if so, how much.
- **Refurbish/replace council noticeboards** – SF has this in hand
- **Litter bins** – PH/PS have installed the two new Leafield bins in the village car park, and the keys have been passed to Kier for the collecting trucks. The Rights of Way Committee has recommended that two more bins be purchased to replace the existing concrete bins at the two East Dean bus stops.
- **Annual Village Meeting** – the invitations to village organisations were sent out on 17 March. Reports are to be prepared for publication on the Play Project (RM); Sheltered Housing (IH); and Friston Crossing (PS)
- **Donations** – have been paid to the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team and the parish magazine
- **Unauthorised use of outbuilding** – the SDNPA enforcement officer has visited The Fridays and has confirmed that there is no unauthorised use. Teenagers have been using an outbuilding as a retreat, but it is not being lived in.
- **Recreation ground** – PH/PS will report on repair of the playhouse and play area gates, and re-fixing of the displaced bollard along The Drove; and on damage to the grass of the football goal (to see if repair is feasible or if the damage is being caused by animals).

The following are matters of report arising from previous meetings:

- **Highway matters** – there is still no update on whether the ANPR camera is to be permanent. A reminder has been sent.
- **Friston crossing** – ESCC Highways is scheduling a feasibility assessment
- **Footpath signs to the coast** – now that the verge on Birling Gap Road has been cut back hard, as requested, and the Sheep Centre is gone, is this project still live? It remains a problem that ESCC will only do two verge cuts in 2017 in this location, but in future years the parish council will be able to ask for extra verge cuts to be done by ESCC's contractor as a safety measure, if it is prepared to pay for them. The clerk has asked for a quote. However, the extra work would only begin in 2018.
- **Pavilion water supply and waste water** – different postcodes are in use by the two utility companies. These probably need to be harmonised to get both on one contract. The EDF contract also needs investigating.
- **False acacias** – Richard Bartlett (Tree Warden) is yet to report

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