

Date: 5th May 2017

Title: Report Item 13 – Correspondence

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the April meeting

Recommendations: To note the report

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

- **Wealden District Council** – there is now a page on the WDC website devoted to the proposed new crematorium off the A267 near Horam. Full details are available under reference WD/2016/2533/MAJ on the Wealden planning website.
- **Mrs E Worsfold** – (1) there are holes in the football goal mouths at the rec which need re-filling so that the grass will re-grow; (2) hedges at the rec will need cutting back before this autumn; (3) if the Rotary Club could supply more crocus bulbs, could some be planted in the village car park? [This would be subject to the permission of Wealden District Council who own and manage the car park]
- **ROMPA Stoolball Club** – the club has decided to stay at its old base at Eastbourne College in the coming season, instead of hiring the East Dean recreation ground. The Club had hoped that if it came to East Dean it would only pay a nominal hire charge, as the East Dean Geebros did in 2016.
- **Zurich** – the parish council's insurers were asked for any advice on the flying of drones. They say that from an insurance point of view 'it would be very difficult to prove that the council is negligent in the event of a claim, as people can fly these off of the council land and therefore it is very difficult for you to stop them'.
- **East Sussex Association of Local Councils** – the AGM and Autumn Conference will be held on 6th October in Bexhill and will include presentations by East Sussex County Council and the Sussex Police. Councillors are invited to book for this event so that all parishes are represented.
- **BUPA** – the company which owns The Grange care home has undertaken a development appraisal and has told the council that 'it would be an option' for them to sell some land to the council or to a partner organisation to be used for assisted living accommodation. The land referred to would be the BUPA car park area behind the village hall, and not the whole site.

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- **Sussex Police** – Operations Command has confirmed that the ANPR camera on the A259 is still needed in this location. However, they agree that the pole is very imposing and are considering the alternatives, or shortening the pole. The plan is to upgrade the site this year with the latest technology. A site visit was planned for the end of April. The police ‘would like to work with the Parish and local residents to get the best resolution’.
- **Stephen Rimmer LLP** – solicitors acting in the sale of a Downlands Way freehold have updated the Deed of Covenant regarding the maintenance charge payable to the council annually by the holders of the relevant shop unit. This will be put before the council under Urgent Business for signature [this item of business does not require any fresh decisions to be made.]
- **The Information Commissioner** – the PC’s data protection registration has been renewed for the year to 10 May 2018 and a copy of the renewed register entry can be supplied on request to the Clerk.

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