

Date: 5th May 2017

Title: Report Item 4 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To provide an update on progress since the April meeting

Recommendation: To note the progress report

The following are matters of report and/or requests for further instructions arising from the April council meeting:

- **Litter bins** – PH has asked Leafield for two more high capacity bins for the East Dean bus stops, to replace the existing concrete bins (as recommended by the Rights of Way Committee). There is a budget of £500 for bins in the 2017/18 financial year, and this would be used up by ordering two more bins at £338.17 each. However, there is scope for adjusting the budget, and the manufacturer would give a discount of £30 per bin if 5 were ordered. The council is invited to consider whether there are further locations where this type of high capacity, wildlife-proof bin would be useful, e.g. the recreation ground and/or the two Friston bus stops.
- **Repairs at the play area** – authority is requested for ordering maintenance work to the barrel roll on the Trim Trail (=Fitness Run) This is an item of Wicksteed equipment which will be retained if the play upgrade goes ahead, and is maintainable by Wicksteed. Maintenance work to other items is being undertaken by PH and PS (cabin slide; football goal; possibly the perimeter fence).
- **Friston Crossing** – a site meeting between councillors and an East Sussex Highways Project Manager has now been arranged for 10th May 2017
- **Flying drones on council land** – the council's insurers (Zurich Town and Parish) have advised 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'.
- **Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company** – the Company has agreed to pay a donation of £50 to the PC's charity of the year (yet to be confirmed)
- **LCAS scheme** – KL is working towards submitting a report in September
- **War Memorial** – the repair of the stonework is complete. At the time of writing the refurbished memorial plaques have yet to be remounted. PS has requested a quote for shot-blasting and repainting the railings; KL has also requested an insurance valuation
- **Tennis court resurfacing** – this item will be added to the list of items of expenditure for the 2018/19 budget exercise.
- **British Library** – the supply of copies of *Rendezvous* is in hand.

The following are matters of report arising from previous meetings:

- **Sussex Police** – an update has been requested on two outstanding items, namely (1) the parish's request for speed checks in Micheldene Road and Gilberts Drive; and (2) the parish's enquiry about the need to re-fix and possibly reduce the height of the ANPR camera on the A259.
- **Pavilion utilities** – the contract for the water supply to the pavilion will transfer from South East Water to Business Stream on 21st May, and all billing will be done by direct debit. The contract will run for a period of three years.
- **False acacias** – Richard Bartlett (Tree Warden) is yet to report

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