

Date: 6th July 2017

Title: Report Item 6 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: a) To note the progress report
b) To approve proposals for the planting of a memorial tree

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

- **Memorial Tree** – the parish council has agreed in principle to a request to plant a memorial tree on council land. The details are as follows, and the council is requested to make a final decision:
 - i. Type of tree - the family would like to donate a cherry blossom tree
 - ii. Position of the tree – on the recreation ground to the left of the cricket pavilion in between the tennis court and the pavilion. The family say ‘We have made sure that it is not in the way of anything and it is in keeping with the surrounds’
 - iii. Mock of plaque - 20cm x 10cm brass plaque with a wooden backing reading: ‘This tree was donated to the loving memory of Claire Louise Barnard. A devoted wife, mother, daughter, and friend. May her spirit live on within us. 22/05/1969-10/4/2012’. The family business is gardening and they would be willing to plant the tree.
- **Overgrown trees in Gilberts Drive** – added to ROW work schedule
- **Play area** – the draft sign has been amended as discussed, and the order placed with the Sussex Sign Company. A copy of the draft has been circulated to councillors. PH/PS will repair the cabin slide; barrel roll; football goal; and there is a hole to be filled in between the first two seats along the Drove.
- **War Memorial** – the new insurance valuation is £35,000. Repair work to the plinth has been ordered and may be complete (recently invoiced). An update is required on the refurbishment of the names on the memorial plaques
- **Litter bin** – WDC has accepted ownership of the concrete bin in the upper part of the village car park, and will remove it. One of the parish council’s new bins will be moved to its place. Further bins for the two East Dean bus stops and the recreation ground were delivered on 8th June.
- **Annual Return 2017** – the Return has been submitted to External Auditor and notices posted, all in good time
- **East Sussex Against Scams Charter** – the PC has signed up to this initiative
- **‘Ownerless’ land** – an information letter has been sent to the owner of the adjacent property
- **Broken seat on the Greensward** – the parish council’s insurer has confirmed it should be possible to process a claim.

Highway matters:

- **Friston raised kerb** – a site meeting between councillors and an East Sussex Highways Project Manager was held on 10th May 2017. As reported at the AVM, ESCC will monitor traffic over a four week period and report to the PC thereafter. The parish council has been invoiced for the feasibility study, which is understood to be in progress
- **Verge cutting on Birling Gap Road** - The clerk has asked ESCC to confirm whether there is any possibility of ordering extra cuts this year. Now that the cost is known, the National Trust can be asked whether they would be willing to contribute
- **Birling Gap brown sign/ pedestrian signs** – the Sheep Centre reference has been painted out
- **Bulbs and wildflowers on verges** – cultivation licences still need to be applied for. Planting would be done in the autumn
- **Twitten railings** – quotes have been obtained by PH for re-fixing all posts except the top three
- **Forthcoming site meeting** - Now that the general election is over, a 'Yellow lines day' needs to be fixed to review the proposed locations for additional yellow lines in Upper Street and Lower Street; the meeting will also review the lineage at Crowlink Lane, and identify areas where road signs need to be cleaned.
- **Sussex Police** – dates for the speed checks are still awaited

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