

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Title:** Report Item 16 – Correspondence

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

**Purpose:** To report on correspondence received since the July meeting

**Recommendations:** To note the report

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

- **East Dean Responders** – the Responders have acknowledged with thanks the sum of £54 as a donation raised from the proceeds of the parish council's stall at the 2017 Village Fete.
- **Mrs M Honey** - the need for double yellow lines in Upper Street between The Dipperays and beyond the entrance to Little Lane is as urgent as ever.
- **Mrs Camilla Crump** – a sum of £62 has been raised from the sale of Millenium Maps, originally produced by the parish council for the millennium celebrations. The Chair has directed that the proceeds can be paid to the Community Watch as petty cash. The Watch has no other funds, and is supported by the parish council.
- **Mr I Kerr** – the parish council is requested to re-open talks about a 30 mph speed limit on the A259, and/or to get new warning signage regarding cyclists at the foot of Friston Hill. The council has advised that there is no prospect of getting the speed limit reduced to 30 mph under present rules, but that the topic is kept under review, and the need for signage can be raised again with the county at the next liaison meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Mr P Wallace** – the parish council is requested to remove the bollards preventing vehicles from accessing the A259 from the Downlands Estate shopping precinct via Gore Farm Close, whilst the main Micheldene Road access is closed.
- **Cllr J Wilton** – the District Councillor has made an alternative proposal that the existing fixed bollards should be replaced by retractable metal bollards. This proposal will require consultation with the owners of Gore Farm Close which is an unadopted road. East Sussex Highways has been invited to comment but has no comment. The parish council will consider the proposal at their October meeting.
- **Mrs E Worsfold** – the parish council is requested to publicise the need for people to cut their hedges back behind the kerb line. In many places on the estate hedges are gradually creeping over the roads. With the present system of every one using

Hillside to get in and out of the estate there have been problems in two places, particularly Bryne Cottage on the sharp Hillside bend.

- **WDALC** - The Community Payback Team is looking for indoor work over the winter for when the weather is too wet to work outside. They would be happy to paint Council Offices and Village Halls etc. [Email Nick Downs at [nick.downs@ksscr.co.uk](mailto:nick.downs@ksscr.co.uk) or call him on 01323 744070.] [Ask the Payback Team?](#)
- **NALC** – the House of Lords have recently created a Select Committee on Citizenship and Civic Engagement to investigate the legal rights and responsibilities for citizens of the UK, the barriers to citizenship and what can be done to support and encourage civic engagement. All parish councils were invited to contribute their thoughts (at only 2 weeks' notice – the deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> September).
- **A complaint** has been received through the council website about a temporary electric fence at Crowlink which is allegedly obstructing a right of way. An enquiry has been sent to the National Trust. [The NT has confirmed that this is a temporary measure whilst they are in discussion with a neighbour at Crowlink Corner about the replacement of the permanent fence.](#) [Note: Crowlink Corner is not the property of that name in Crowlink Lane, but is shown on the attached map]
- **East Sussex Association of Local Councils AGM and Annual Conference** – this event will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October in Seaford. Every parish is requested to send representative(s).
- **Wealden District Council** – a Community Governance Review is about to be undertaken (at the request of Hailsham Town Council), and WDC would like to know if any other Town/Parish Council would like any boundary or electoral matter to be considered at the same time [response deadline 30 September 2017]
- **Wealden District Council** – there are a number of important anniversaries coming up in 2018 including the following:
  - i. **SUFFRAGETTES CENTENARY 1918-2018**  
There is a suffragettes project that aims to identify and celebrate the lives of 100 women and men who were active in the campaign for extending the vote to all women and who went on to use their extended rights of citizenship in a positive way in their local areas.  
<http://www.suffrage-pioneers.net/>
  - ii **ARMISTICE 100**  
The centenary of the end of WW1 is an opportunity for reflection, commemoration and celebration.  
<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/>
  - iii **RAF 100**  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 marks the centenary of the creation of the Royal Air Force – born out of the Royal Flying Corps that served with such distinction in the latter part of WW1.  
<https://www.raf.mod.uk/raf100>

The Chairman of Wealden District Council is keen to support as many local events as possible and parishes are welcome to contact WDC if they would like him to come along and support a local event/attend a remembrance service

