

Date: 5th October 2017

Title: Report Item 14– Correspondence

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the September meeting

Recommendations: To note the report

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

- **South East Water** - has published its draft drought plan for the period 2018 to 2023 for consultation. The documents included in the consultation can be viewed at southeastwater.co.uk/droughtplan. Representations should be sent to the DEFRA Secretary of State by 29 October 2017, either by email to water.resources@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to DEFRA (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs) at Area 3D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR
- **East Sussex Libraries** – ESCC has published a draft Strategic Commissioning Strategy 2018-2023 for consultation. It is proposed to reduce the number of library buildings and to discontinue the Mobile Library service. The libraries in Eastbourne, Hampden Park and Seaford would remain. Formal consultation began on 21 September and will run until 14 December 2017. Implementation of the Strategy would begin in April 2018. County Cllr Shing has opposed this move and would support a public petition or any objection raised by the parish council.
- **Mrs E Worsfold** – regarding the discussion on a Community Governance Review (September Minutes item C.437(b)), Mrs Worsfold recalls that in about 1994 Jevington parish council was disbanded as too small and were given the choice of who to go with and choose to go with Willingdon as they felt their events fell more in the Wannock direction.
- **Wealden Citizens' Advice Bureau** – the chair and clerk are invited to the AGM on 21st November in Uckfield.
- **Wealden District Council** – the current Dog Control Order is coming to an end shortly and is proposed to be replaced by a Public Spaces Protection Order covering the whole District, under newer legislation. The requirements of the new Order in regard to dogs will be the same as now. However, anyone wishing to make

representations can complete a questionnaire at <http://www.wealden.gov.uk/ConsultationIndex.aspx> (ends 6 October 2017)

- **Mr J Newman** - there was severe traffic congestion in Gilberts Drive on 19 September. The village hall car park was full (owing to EDFAS) and vehicles were parked on the verge of Gilberts Drive all the way from the A259 to the village hall entrance. This reduced the carriage way to single file which caused difficulty for traffic moving in both directions - each waiting for someone to give way. Buses were having problems getting through.
- **ESCC Dutch Elm Disease Officer** – under current government guidelines there are no actions a council can take in cases of ash die back. It is the responsibility of the landowner to see that people and property remain safe.
- **Wealden District Council** – the contract for the construction of the new crematorium near Horam has been awarded to Baxall Construction Ltd. Work will commence in mid-October with completion late 2018
- **Parish Magazine Team** – the magazine will struggle to break even financially this year, due to a declining level of support from clubs and societies, and from the parish council, which gave a smaller donation in 2017 than in previous years (£250 in 2016, though this was for 2015/16; £100 in 2017). The request is that the level of support be increased, if possible.
- **The Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company** – the Rudes would like to visit again in 2018, and have asked whether they could book the field and pavilion on Wednesday 13th June 2018, as in previous years.
- **East Dean Cricket Club** – the Club has won Division 2 of the East Sussex League this year and been promoted to Division One. They also won the Midweek 20/20 Big Bash competition at Eastbourne Cricket Club. Work has begun on clearing out the Club's storage areas, and a further session is to be held on 8th October.

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