

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

**Title:** Report Item 13 – Correspondence

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

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

**Recommendations:** To note the report

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

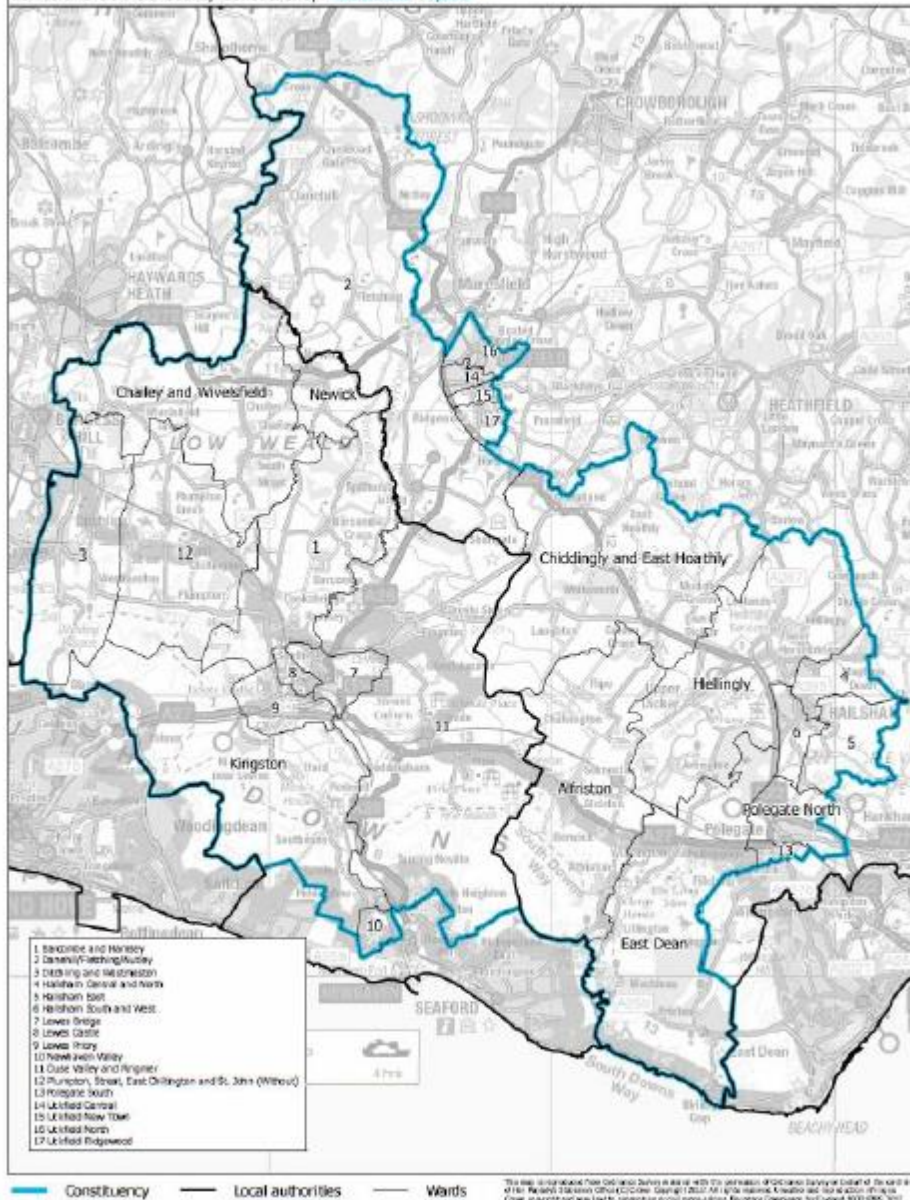
- **Sussex Police** – the new Local Policing Model is now fully operational. Further details: [www.sussex.police.uk/about-us/priorities-and-direction/local-policing-model/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/about-us/priorities-and-direction/local-policing-model/)
- **Eastbourne Borough Council** – the new Public Space Protection Order has now come into force. Dog walkers using walkways around Sovereign Harbour must now keep their pets on a lead or risk receiving a fine of between £75 and £1,000.
- **Sussex Association of Local Councils** – all parish and town councils are invited to support a proposal by Falmouth Town Council under the Sustainable Communities Act for legislative change to grant 100% mandatory business rate relief on public toilets owned by parish and town councils. Falmouth will submit a full report to the DCLG by the end of the year, and this must contain evidence that the change is required. Support can be shown by completing a survey form (deadline 15 December); the survey is being hosted by NALC in support of Falmouth.
- **Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner** – a survey has been launched to discover whether residents would be prepared to pay more towards the cost of policing in the county. The survey can be accessed via the website of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and runs until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 [<https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/>]
- **Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd** – all smaller authorities in East Sussex who have opted in to the centralized system for appointing External Auditors will be audited by PKF Littlejohn again in 2018. This applies to EDFPC.
- **Wealden District Council** - the District has agreed to the principle of charging for the collection of garden waste when the current waste contract is re-allocated. The amount of the charge will be determined once the costs can be calculated from the tenders received.
- **Civic Voice** – this voluntary body is campaigning to protect conservation areas on the Heritage at Risk register, and is lobbying over 80 MPs who have sites at risk in

their constituencies. They request donations to support their campaign. For further details see <http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/the-big-conservation-conversation/>. The East Dean conservation area is not on the Heritage at Risk register, which is maintained by Historic England.

- **Mrs E Worsfold** – if ESCC are to receive £100,000 from Telefonika for giving permission for the new phone mast to be erected on the A259 highway verge adjacent to the Wenthill twitten, could they be asked to pass on a portion of it to the residents most affected and/or to the parish in compensation, e.g. to pay for some of the remaining telegraph poles in the village to be taken down and the cables laid underground. The Chair has responded that as ESCC have recently signaled that they expect to withdraw funding for verge cutting by the parish council from 2019 onwards, the prospect is not good.
- **Wealden District Council** – the District has broadly welcomed revised proposals from the parliamentary Boundary Commission for re-drawing constituencies in the local area. There would be a new Lewes and Uckfield constituency which would contain East Dean and Friston (see map attached). WDC has asked for the name to include Hailsham. It has also asked for the detailed boundary to follow the new ward boundaries (recently revised to come into force in October 2018). The Boundary Commission is expected to publish its final decisions on the new parliamentary boundaries in September 2018.
- **Action in Rural Sussex** – the council has been contacted by Donna Lonsdale O'Brien, who is the Village Agent appointed by AiRS for this area. There is a team of five agents each with different areas of expertise who can support parishes through some types of local project. Further details: <https://www.ruralsussex.org.uk/what-we-do/village-agents/>
- **South Downs National Park Authority** – residents are concerned that verges recently damaged in the course of building works near the junction of Windmill Lane and The Ridgeway should be reinstated, once the large crane is removed from the site. The Residents' Association is willing to enter into consultations if required.
- **Mr P Lloyd** – there should not be any alteration to the bus lay-by at Friston Church to provide a safer crossing point. None is needed, and the alteration would remove a slipway which can be used when cars are turning right into Jevington Road or Windmill Lane.
- **Mr and Mrs R Price** – there has been suspicious activity in Paynes Dean field, Crowlink on a number of nights recently. The National Trust has been notified and details have been noted for reporting to the police.
- **Mrs E Charlwood** – request for the contractors working at The Fridays to leave a footway for pedestrians passing by the site entrance. The Gilbert Estate has confirmed that the contractors are assessing whether there is anything they can do. ESCC, owners of the highway and verge, formally consider the footpath to run along the pavement on the east side of Gilbert's Drive in front of 9 and 10 the Fridays. They do not recognise the verge on the west of Gilbert's Drive, in front of the field, as having a footpath. Therefore, in order for the contractor to comply with health and safety requirements and their insurance, they are currently operating as these circumstances dictate. However, the completed development will include (with ESCC's consent) the creation of a pavement along the verge in question.

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Boundary Commission for England - South East Region  
 Revised Proposal  
 Lewes and Uckfield County Constituency - Electorate 77,695



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