

Date: 2nd November 2017

Title: Report Item 16 – Correspondence

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the October meeting

Recommendations: To note the report

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

- **National Association of Local Councils** – has sent advice to parishes about the implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Bill.
- **Mrs E Charlwood** – there is a problem of motor bikes using the road from East Dean up to Black Robin Farm via Birling Gap and Beachy Head as a race track, particularly at weekends. There have already been 3 RTA'S involving motor bikes this year including one fatal.
- **Mrs J Waldron** – the Friston build-out project is very much welcomed, and thanks are due to the parish council for supporting it.
- **Mrs E Worsfold** – it is in fact Wealden District Council which has responsibility for road name signs, though they are unwilling to include the Downlands Estate where the roads are privately owned. Regarding hedge trimming, several locations are suggested, including the junction of Hillside and Deneside; an unoccupied property in Hillside; 3 Micheldene Road; and 34 Hillside
- **Mr D Holloway** – Mr Holloway has supplied the parish council with copies of his ongoing correspondence with East Sussex Highways on various matters including the maintenance of local grass verges; signage at Birling Gap; and a traffic signaled crossing at Friston. A copy of the response from ESCC has been circulated to the parish council.
- **Southern Water** – a new publication 'Water Futures in the South East – Towards 2050' is now available to view. It explores the impacts of climate change, ground-breaking new technology, natural capital thinking, changing cultural attitudes and other factors that will affect future supply. Please see <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/default/PDFs/water-futures.pdf>
- **Mr S Page** – a resident has complained about a vehicle parked on the east side of Gilberts Drive, opposite The Fridays, partially on the pavement. The owner of the

vehicle has been contacted and appropriate action has been taken. Six 'no parking' notices which were affixed on the wide grass verge outside The Fridays some time ago, in the name of the parish council, are to be removed.

- **East Dean Cricket Club** – the Club has requested a meeting with councilors to discuss its future requirements, following its recent promotion. The Lead Member is in contact.
- **Eastbourne Borough Council** – a report has been produced on the recent review and consultation of Public Spaces Protection Orders in the borough. It is available at <http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/public-spaces-protection-orders-consultation/>. There is to be a new requirement that dogs should be kept on leads on all the walkways around Sovereign Harbour, all year round. Areas in which dogs are banned are not to be altered.
- **Wealden District Council** – pre-construction work started on the new crematorium site on 23rd October with the delivery of heavy plant and stone for the formation of roadways for construction traffic. Deliveries will continue for some time.
- **Eastbourne Borough Council** – a review of local maternity services has been carried out, and a report is expected to be published on 27 October. It will be available on the website www.eastbourne.gov.uk
- **East Sussex Highways** – a forward schedule of highway maintenance work has been published to parishes and shows that re-lining of roads should be done in EDF in September 2019, and sign cleaning in December 2018.
- **Barclays Bank plc** – the bank is to make changes to account terms and conditions (including a new facility to pay in cheques by scanning and sending an image); introduce Open Banking (with new facility to authorize another company to make payments from your accounts on your behalf); and create a ring-fenced bank which will be separate from Barclays plc.
- **Rotary Club of Eastbourne Sovereign** - a very kind gift of 2,000 crocus bulbs has been made to the parish council. A letter of thanks has been sent.
- **South Downs National Park Authority** - The SDNPA will shortly be going through all the infrastructure projects to identify (1) whether they would be suitable for CIL spending, (2) which CIL spending pot would be more appropriate (the 'neighbourhood portion' which the Parish Council will receive or the SDNPA general pot) and then (3) prioritising the projects for CIL spending. The resulting Plan will be put before the SDNPA Planning Committee for approval in April 2018.
- **Mrs E Worsfold** – please can the council have the Best Kept Village sign and plaques repainted as parts are getting rusty. This was last done about 1999 by a member of the Art Group.
- **Mr D Holloway** – Mr Holloway has contacted the National Trust to request 'danger of death' signage at Birling Gap, and has copied the correspondence to Maria Caulfield MP and to the parish council.
- **Zurich Insurance** – a new Local Community Advisory Service has been set up offering an interactive risk assessment guide and a specialist health and safety advice line, which will be accessible to all customers
- **Harlequin Telecoms/SDNPA** – the SDNPA approved the phone mast application on 31 October and wrote the same day to the parish council to explain the reasoning behind a decision they know will be disappointing. The SDNPA did receive and consider evidence from ESCC Highways and from its own Conservation Officer and

Landscape Officer, and did consider alternative locations as requested by the parish council. However, the other possible locations were significantly closer to the Conservation Area or required a taller mast which was felt to be more impactful. The SDNPA has required Harlequin to consult the community about the colour of the mast, and Harlequin is now consulting both the PC and the RA. The SDNPA case officer has suggested that the bottom of the mast could be a stone grey to match the flint wall, fading into a khaki green on the top half to match the matures trees on the opposite side of the road. This would allow the mast to be a least impactful as possible. The PC needs to consider its response.

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