

Date: 2nd November 2017

Title: Report Item 6 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: To note the progress report

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

- **Highway matters requiring PC action/decision** - (1) the parish council has yet to consider whether to take responsibility for cleaning the windows of the phone kiosk at the junction of Gilberts Drive and the A259; (2) the parish council also needs to consider whether to ask for a kerb (or yellow lines) to be installed at the north end of Gilberts Drive where increasing numbers of vehicles park, eroding the verge; (3) the parish council has been asked to try again to get a 30 mph speed limit on the A259 through the village, and needs to respond to this request
- **Highway matters of report** - (1) the blocked road drain half way down Friston Hill on the south side has been reported to East Sussex Highways (Case Number 00169379); (2) the possibility of adding a light shield to the eastern globe lamp on the A259 pedestrian refuge in East Dean can be added to the agenda for the next county liaison meeting; (3) The Sussex police were previously asked about the ANPR camera on the A259 and responded that it is still needed for this location, but that they plan to upgrade the site later this year with the latest technology; (4) the council's grounds maintenance contractor has been asked to clear leaves and weeds from the Downlands Way car park;.
- **Council appointments** – the appointments of Cllr M Keller as Chair and Cllr Greenwell as Vice Chair have been notified to Wealden District Council, the Sussex Association of Local Council and the parish magazine.
- **Complaints on noise** – a copy of the government guidance has been sent to the Village Hall Trust for information
- **Twitten railings and recreation ground repairs** – the works at the play area are complete (replace 2 wooden posts; repair lower gate to play area; fix locking of both gates and replace latches). Work was also completed on the Twitten posts and rails on 31 October.
- **Play area upgrade** – an application for a grant has been submitted to the Big Lottery Fund. A letter requesting a donation has been sent to Southern Gas, who have made a site visit accompanied by Cllr Greenwell. An order has been placed with Wicksteed for them to repair/maintain the existing Fitness Trail.
- **Replacement of seat on Greensward** – the new seat is due for delivery on 10 November. Cllr Clarke has kindly agreed to take delivery on site and fix it in place
- **Friston Build-out** – a Business Case Application has now been submitted for match funding. This has been passed to the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Team for review, and they will contact the parish in due course. The expected timeline is that applications recommended to be taken forward should be supplied to the ESCC Lead Member in March 2018 for final decision.

- **Road signage** – Wealden District Council is in charge of road name signs on public roads. A copy of their policy has been supplied to the Residents' Association
 - **Facebook Terms and Conditions** – other parish and town councils in Wealden which use Facebook have been invited to comment on their experience, and comments are being gathered. A precedent for a Social Media policy has kindly been supplied by Mayfield PC. The Lead Member will report to the December meeting.
 - **Potholes in Downsview Lane** – this is an unadopted Estate road, and the Roads Company has been informed of the need for repairs
 - **Blocked manhole in Upper Street** – this has been reported to East Sussex Highways and logged under reference 00170281
 - **Camper vans** – Wealden District Council has been advised that the 'no vans' sign may need to be moved to the main gate of the village car park, as there has been a spate of campers ignoring it.
 - **Hanging baskets** – Cllr Hill has replanted these for the winter season
 - **Hedge trimming** – two reports are in hand about hedges needing to be trimmed: the twitten from The Brow to Peak Dean Lane; and the twitten from Peak Dean Lane to Micheldene Road (at the Peak Dean Lane end). Hedges at 24 and 26 Wenthill Close have kindly been trimmed by the householders.
 - **Donation to parish magazine** – a further donation of £150 has been made and acknowledged with thanks
 - **Visit by Rude Mechanicals Theatre company in 2018** – the date of Wednesday 13th June, with terms as in previous years, has been confirmed with the company
 - **East Dean Cricket Club** – has requested a meeting to discuss the Club's future requirements, and is in touch with the Lead Member, who will report at the meeting
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- **War Memorial** – an application has yet to be made for grant aid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to enable the railings to be shot-blasted and repainted.
 - **Public seats** – quotes have yet to be obtained for a rolling maintenance programme
 - **Mowing contract** – a better contract map is required and tenders will be invited once this is ready.
 - **Local Council Award Scheme** – a report will be brought to a future meeting

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