

Date: 1st February 2018

Title: Report Item 13 – Correspondence

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the January meeting

Recommendations: To note the report

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

- **East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service** – parish and town councils are being consulted on how ESFRS should measure attendance standards. At the moment the Service is using the Home Office's definition of average response times to certain types of emergencies, but members of the public may get different response times in different areas (for many reasons, including traffic congestion or how quickly the fire engine leaves the station). Previous feedback has requested 'more transparent reporting'. There is an online survey: www.esfrs.org/irmp (closes 05 March). The findings of the current consultation will be considered at a Fire Authority meeting on 14 June 2018.
- **Mr Gaurav Bijlani** – has very kindly offered volunteered IT support to village organisations and is now assisting the Roads Company
- **East Sussex County Council** - As a result of a Recycling Site review, it is suggested ESCC could make changes to the service that will bring significant savings whilst still providing a good service. The specific proposals are:
 1. To charge for certain waste types at ESCC Recycling Sites that are not 'household waste', i.e. rubble, soil, plasterboard, tyres and asbestos
 2. To close the part-time Recycling Sites at Forest Row and Wadhurst
 3. To change Recycling Site opening hours to better suit demand (but reduce the number of opening hours/days)
 4. To work with charities to reduce the amount of waste they currently deliverThe county council will meet on 6th February to decide whether to proceed with their budget on this basis. If so, the proposal will go out to consultation for 12 weeks. To take part in the consultation, please complete the online survey which will be available in the link below from 7 February 2018 until 1 May 2018:
<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>
- **Cllr J Wilton** - There have been several breakdowns of the Sub Post Office computer leading to the closure of the Post Office section. [The

computer is now working.] There have been times when the Sub Post Master has had to ration the amount of money that he is able to give customers as insufficient funds have been sent to him. Also he has not always been sent the Euros which are required by local residents. He has no Euros at the time of writing and has not had any for several days. It is suggested that the PC send a letter to Head office with a copy to Maria Caulfield MP.

- **Village Coffee Morning (January)** – residents and the Post Master confirmed that the village Post Office is experiencing difficulties and delays in obtaining supplies. There is a belief that other small Post Offices are having similar difficulties and consequently being run down.
- **Business Stream** – the frequency of the water and waste water bills from the pavilion is to be changed from six monthly to quarterly.
- **Mr D Tennant** – has queried the reason for the removal of the old litter bins from the Downlands Way precinct and the little car park in the corner of the village green. An explanation of the background has been sent in response, with information on the location of new litter bins and dog bins.

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