

Date: 1st March 2018

Title: Report Item 14 – Correspondence

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the February meeting

Recommendations: To note the report

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

- **East Sussex County Council** – the consultation on the Recycling Site review has been put back one month whilst ESCC revises its proposals.
- **Mrs E Worsfold** – (i) the hedge on the Biodiversity Strip at the recreation ground should be cut once a year in January/February to encourage it to thicken and so encourage birds to nest; (ii) the pavement to the rear of Nos. 1-4 Wayside has services running under it, including a water main which has in the past burst due to the weight of vehicles above. Though it is not owned by the parish council, the council is still requested to discourage parking, whether by delivery vehicles or residents.
- **Mr C Davies Gilbert** – If the parish council wishes to tidy up the recreation ground, including the removal of the green waste and hedge management they may contact the Estate if that would be helpful
- **SSALC meeting with Chief Constable** – minutes have been received but are very brief
- **Wealden District Council** - information has been circulated to parishes regarding the protocol for public ceremonies.
- **The Cricket Club** has sent a copy of the Chairman's Message for 2018, previewing the season's activities and issuing a general welcome
- **Mr S Green** – the temporary electric fence at Crowlink Corner at the junction of Footpaths 10b, 10c, and 11 is a potential hazard, particularly to dogs and children and should be replaced by a safe, permanent fence. This situation has arisen because of a dispute between landowners over who should pay for a proper fence. The clerk has replied that electric fences should not be installed across a right of way without the approval of the appropriate authority, which is ESCC Rights of Way. ESCC has been asked to investigate and mediate if possible.
- **South and South East in Bloom** – this year the annual contest has a new 'Parish in Bloom' category. SSEB say this will be a validation visit rather than a judging for

those have not entered before. The assessment will be encouraging rather than judgemental and is intended to be a stepping stone for future entries into the main competition. For further information about South & South East in Blooms campaigns please visit their website www.sseib.com

- **Mrs E Worsfold** - Does the East Dean name plate sign need 'Please Drive Carefully' as a few hundred yards earlier Friston also has this. It would look better as the old plate was, with just the shield and the name. It also seems rather odd that you are going into East Dean whilst still in Friston as the Friston name plate when you are coming up the hill is some way below this on the hill where the actual boundary lies? The old name plate was further down the hill where the footpath crosses the road so that it made it easier to erect.
- **East Sussex Libraries** – on 6 March the County Council Cabinet will consider a revised Library Strategy, incorporating changes proposed as a result of the recent consultation. The list of libraries scheduled for closure (including the Mobile Library) remains unchanged. However, there would be a new form of 'Community Library Membership aimed at supporting more rural communities, to enable them to make library materials available at times and in a location of their choosing'. For further details, please see the website <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/libraries-transformation-programme/draft-strategic-commissioning-strategy/>
- **East Sussex County Council – the Household Waste Recycling Site** service proposals have also been amended, and the proposal not to accept household asbestos waste has been revised to say it could be accepted subject to a charge. A consultation is now live at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/rubbishandrecycling/wasteconsultation/> [ends 15 May 2018]
- **Maria Caulfield MP** – Ms Caulfield has met with the minister responsible for Post Offices and East Dean was one of the branches discussed. He is going to investigate the issues raised by the parish council and by the sub postmaster, and report back. Ms Caulfield also has a meeting arranged with Post Office officials next week and will keep the parish council updated.

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