

Date: 2nd August 2018

Title: Report Item 4 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: To note the progress report

The following are matters of report arising from the July council meeting:

- **Insurance** – key worker cover is not yet available (but has not been forgotten)
- **Updated reference docs** – the council's Standing Orders, GDPR Policy and Privacy Notice are all now available; the Financial Regulations will follow shortly
- **Grants** – the majority of grants have been paid. There is to be a presentation ceremony at the Eastbourne RNLI station in Sovereign Harbour on 7th August, which the Chair and Cllr Hookham will attend, to hand over a presentation cheque
- **Emergency Plan** – the Appendices containing contact details etc. are being updated. The Chair is assembling the resource pack
- **Fireworks** – MK/PH will report any update
- **Additional litter bin** – PH has ordered the bin; KL has forewarned Wealden and queried the collection charge, bearing in mind that the new bin will be next to an existing bin: unfortunately the charge relates to the number of bins, not to their location, and there will be no waiver.
- **Parking** – WDC has been requested to quote for an additional car park sign banning camper vans (but due to holidays the figures won't come through before mid August); MK has written to the Gilbert Estate about contractors being reminded not to park on the footway outside The Fridays
- **East Sussex County Council Cabinet minutes** – at the request of County Cllr Shing, the minutes of a recent Cabinet meeting (26th June 2018) at which severe budget cuts were discussed and authorised has been circulated to councillors [NB: the minutes are also publicly available on the ESCC website]
- **Easement** – the council's solicitor has been requested to provide an update on the progress of the easement permitting ESCC Highways to install a soakaway at the recreation ground
- **East Dean Responders** – EDR has requested the parish council to hold back in approaching SECamb about alternative sources of accreditation for First Responders. The first approach should come from EDR, who are considering how best to approach the matter
- **Littering from vehicles** – the parish council asked how the new fixed penalty Regulations recently adopted by Wealden District council would be enforced. The key feature of the new Regulations is that a penalty can be applied to the keeper of the offending vehicle: there is no need to identify who was driving the vehicle at the time of the offence.

The following are matters of report arising from previous council meetings:

- **Tree dossier** - work has begun
- **Banking mandate** - yet to be updated
- **Outstanding highway matters** – (i) **yellow lines**: ESCC's Traffic and Safety Team is extremely low on available resources to be able to take the work forward. As a result, they have had to consider what priorities can be given to each aspect of their work and casualty reduction must inevitably figure highly in their thinking. The lack of enforcement given to parking restrictions in the Wealden District has also been a factor in their deliberations. As a result, they have had to put the parking review on hold for an indefinite period. ESCC says: 'the option still exists for your Parish Council to consider the Community Match process again'. (ii) **gulley pot** - the gulley on the A259 opposite the entrance to Micheldene Road has been cleared; (iii) **bollards** - a message has gone to Costain requesting a quote for installation(s) on the highway verge at locations vulnerable to anti-social parking. A response is awaited. (iv) **Speedwatch** – volunteers are being sought via the Parish Magazine to set up a new Local Group with co-ordinator. (v) **Friston Build-Out** - The latest information is that the application was taken to the Lead Member for approval in March, but has been put on hold while a review is carried out into 'how Community March is working through the Joint Venture' (i.e. the partnership between ESCC and their highways contractor, Costain).
- **Electric fence** – ESCC Rights of Way does not believe the fence at Crowlink Corner is unsafe. It hums because it is touching something that is making it short and loose some charge. It is fundamentally safe because such fences have a pulsing current. However, the National Trust is being asked as a precaution to check it meets all safety guidelines.