

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

**Title:** Report Item 4 – 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

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

- **Easement for soakaway** – the council has received the Deed of Easement document for signature and is requested to sign it at the November meeting. The final highway works to connect the drain to the soakaway in the recreation ground should be undertaken on Thursday 25th October and depending on the weather this could possibly stretch into Friday and Monday. At the same time the sunken ground will also be rectified to match the surrounding contours if needed.
- **Play area fence** – a further enquiry has been sent to DJ Utilities/SGN Ltd but there has been no response.
- **Decorating the pavilion** – the Cricket Club has put in 18 hours of work and painted at least one coat in the entire pavilion (three in the changing room), as well as washing the curtains. A set of before and after photos will be available at the meeting. The honours boards were taken down to do the work and it is suggested that the historic ones be remounted on the struts/beams of the main pavilion roof to enhance the appearance of the central room and keep the walls clean and clear. Several areas of concern have been uncovered: (1) the ceiling in the kitchen needs replacing as it was damaged beyond repair in last winter's leaks (when it is replaced, the Club is offering to paint it; (2) there is a hole in the wall near the gents (it was hidden behind the honours board); (3) There is a pipe in the home changing room where there is a damp feel to the wall and audible dripping which needs to be checked.
- **The Drove** – research is ongoing into the possibility of demonstrating that The Drove is a historic right of way. The Drove used to continue up the hill behind Went Way until it was closed by order of the Hailsham Petty Sessions in 1920. It would be interesting to know what the reasoning was at the time, but the court records are proving elusive and may even have been destroyed. The County Archivist may be able to assist in finding either the records or at least evidence of their destruction.
- **NHS pop-up health clinic** – the NHS has been overwhelmed by demand for this service and has had to suspend further bookings. However, EDF is in the queue when bookings recommence.
- **Councillor email addresses** – new addresses linked to the website have been provided for all councillors and the clerk, and setting up is in progress.
- **Risk Assessment** - the clerk is working on a set of updated red binders as 'welcome packs' for councillors, containing the current Emergency Plan and other key documents. A risk assessment still needs to be undertaken for personnel.

- **Carols and Fireworks** – due to unforeseen circumstances the fireworks element of this event has been cancelled. It will proceed with the organisation of a Christmas Tree at the Village Hall with lights and an evening of Carol singing together with a Hog Roast.
- **National Trust** – the council has written to the Trust expressing its concern at the handling of the Crowlink Corner planning application and requesting community involvement if amended plans are to be prepared.
- **Highway matters** – a county liaison meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and the draft Minutes will be available at the parish council meeting. The Friston Build-Out project which is a candidate for ESCC Community Match Funding is being put forward for consideration by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment at his decision making meeting on 19 November 2018.

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