

Date: 7th February 2019

Title: Report Item 5 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To provide an update on progress since the January meetings

Recommendations: To note the progress report

The following are matters of report arising from the regular January council meeting and the Extraordinary meeting held on 22 January:

- **Precept demand 2019/20** – WDC has acknowledged receipt of the precept demand in the sum of £60,233.
- **Cuckmere Bus Route 41** – the Lead Member advises that the council needs to review the cost benefit of this financially supported service and review its own position, post budget.
- **Refill campaign** – the parish council needs to complete a Memorandum of Understanding in order to formally sign up to this scheme encouraging local restaurants etc. to supply free water to anyone who brings a refillable bottle. The Refill campaign is national and Wealden District Council is the Regional Coordinator. The MOU is just needed to protect the branding. Once Wealden have it, they can issue the window stickers for participating businesses and provide electronic copies of the starter pack, including poster templates/imagery etc. The form can be signed at the meeting.
- **Union flag for emergency safe** – the Flag Master has supplied a spare Union flag to be kept in the emergency safe.
- **Grant application to SDNPA Community Infrastructure Fund** - pending
- **Downlands Way maintenance** – letters have been sent to those residents whose properties back onto the section of pavement owned by the parish council, opposite the parking bays, clarifying the ownership and requesting permission to put notices on their back fence discouraging parking. Two of the four householders have so far given permission.
- **The Drove** – the Chair has written to the Gilbert Estate about a possible way forward.
- **Donation to Children with Cancer Fund charity** – a £20 donation has been paid to this charity as requested by Mr John Dann
- **Downsview Lane** – PH is obtaining a quote for cutting this verge
- **Pavilion and play area** – ND has obtained quotes for repairs which have been factored into the approved budget for 2019/20
- **Bank signatories** – Barclays have been notified of the changes required to the bank mandate, but there has been no response. Mandate change forms are still awaited.
- **Friston Buildout** – ESCC is currently appointing a Project Manager and the parish council should be in contact with that person before the February PC meeting
- **Mowing contract** – the parish council has agreed to contact the landowners of the two privately owned village greens in the parish about contributions to the mowing contract, in the light of ESCC's withdrawal of £1,100 funding which formerly supported the parish council's mowing contract.

- **Parish council grant scheme** – village clubs and societies are invited to apply for grants from a newly increased £3,000 pot between 1st March and 30th April 2019.

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