

Date: 05 December 2019

Title: Report Item 6 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: To note the progress report

The following item is a matter for decision:

- VE Day 75 – the main hall of the village hall has been provisionally booked for the afternoon of Friday 8th May 2020 for the national VE Day 75 celebrations. The council is requested to confirm this booking. There is an official website, <https://www.veday75.org/get-involved/> which suggests a timetable of remembrance, including the sounding of the Battle's Over by pipers in France at 2.55 pm and then the Nation's Toast to the Heroes at 3.00 pm on Friday 8th May. Further particulars are on the website.

The following items are matters for report:

- Friston build-out – the General Arrangement drawing for this scheme has been amended following a site meeting and approved by the councillors present under delegated authority, as agreed at the November meeting. The scheme will now go forward to Safety Audit and it is hoped that work will commence early in 2020
- Flooding of the Cuckmere – residents were invited to support a petition calling for dredging to be done, and a number did so. Dredging did take place on 9-10 November and the flood receded. However, one objection was received making the case for letting nature take its course. It was also noted that the petition website was actually a US based organisation
- Noticeboards – the new notice boards for the Downlands Way precinct have been delivered and are awaiting installation
- Water charges – 18 m³ has been used over the 2019 season in excess of the 20 m³ free usage specified in the Club's Hire Agreement, and an invoice in the sum of £24.84 has been sent to the Club. Payment has already been received for the extra cuts done to the outfield during the season.
- Friston bus shelter (north side) – work will commence on 2 December and be complete within 2 weeks. Brighton & Hove Buses have been notified and have asked for contractors' vehicles to be parked in the side road and for part of the tarmac on the verge to remain accessible as an access track to a temporary stop further east in the bus layby. A residents' alert has been sent out.
- Funding of future road maintenance – requests have been sent to the Hon. Solicitor and Wealden District Council for legal advice on the principle of the PC having power to contribute to the maintenance of un-adopted roads under the General Power of Competence, and on the question of what standing the PC would have if the Roads Company were (theoretically) dissolved.

- Mobile phone mast – the decision on when or whether to implement the extant planning permission for the installation of a new mast on the A259 rests with Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd. A request for an update on their plans has been sent to them.
- Bollards between Gore Farm Close and the shopping precinct – these have been marked with reflectors for safety at night
- Risk Management Strategy – the revisions agreed in October have been made but further revisions may be required when the Financial Regulations are reviewed. This is now expected to be done in the New Year.

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