

Date: 06 February 2020

Title: Report Item 6 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: To note the progress report

The following items are matters for report:

- VE Day 75 – village clubs and societies have been invited to a planning and coordination meeting on 25th February
- Road maintenance using the precept – a meeting is to be held on 11th February to enable the Hon. Solicitor and representatives of the council and the Roads Company to scope the enquiry. NALC will be asked for their advice on the basis of this preliminary discussion
- Interpretation boards – a list of contacts has been drawn up for obtaining the necessary permissions for installations at the chosen sites
- Theatre visit donation – £50 has been received from The Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company for their 2019 season and will be added to the council's 2019/20 donation to the JPK Project.
- Budget 2020/21 – the precept demand for 2020/21 has been submitted to Wealden District Council
- Code of Conduct – the revised version adopted on 7th January 2020 has been published on the website, and the council's complaints procedure is being revised as discussed
- Email and Internet usage policy – this new policy is ready for publication
- Parish councillor allowances – the allowance scheme has so far only been publicised in the minutes. A formal notice is being drawn up for the website.
- Drone Code – a reminder about the restrictions on flying drones has been published in the parish magazine. This has elicited the information that Eastbourne Borough Council prohibit the flying of drones over their Heritage Downland, though councillors are not aware of any notices in this parish. Enquiries are also being made of the National Trust, as it would seem sensible to coordinate the messages sent out by landowners
- Defibrillators – a sum of £7,000 has been received from the East Dean Responders and placed in a dedicated bank account. It has been acknowledged with thanks.
- Memorial bench at Friston Pond – a resident has very kindly donated the cost of a new memorial bench to be installed at Friston Pond, and the bench is now in production.
- 1 Waterworks Cottages – an attempt is being made to contact the absentee owner of this property
- Pavilion – the picket fencing being stored in the pavilion is to be removed shortly