

Date: 04 June 2020

Title: Report Item 9– Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: a) To note the progress report
b) To consider the purchase of one or more additional dog bins

The following item is for decision:

- Dog bins – the council at its May meeting requested quotes for the commercial supply of a dog bin, for comparison with the £500 fixed price charged by Wealden District Council for supplying, fixing and thereafter maintaining a dog bin. The council wants to decide whether to install new dog bins at the Upper Street entrance to the Twitten (Footpath 25) and/or at the entrance to Downs View Lane. The following are suggested:
 - <https://www.broxap.com/sirius-post-mounted.html> - the cheapest option at £125 plus VAT just for a basic red bin. Other colours are £30 extra and there are optional coatings to improve maintenance plus a range of fixing kits.
 - <https://uk.glasdon.com/metal-fido-35-tm-dog-waste-bin> - £274.98 plus VAT for the moss green bin and between £70 and £107 plus VAT for the fixing kit, depending on whether the chosen location is in soft ground
 - Leafield Environmental, from whom the council has sourced litter bins, does not do dog bins.

The parish council currently has three litter bins and three dog bins which are paid for at an annual charge of £250, total £1,500. At present, the budget for bin emptying in 2020/21 is only £1,000. [The budget was set before Wealden demanded that the two additional Leafield bins at the East Dean bus stops be added to the payments schedule.] The council has already agreed that the budget therefore needs to be increased by £500 whether or not a new dog bin is installed [Minute C.193 – March 2020]. The budget would need to be further increased to cover purchase and installation costs of one or more new dog bins, if required, plus £250 annual emptying charge per bin.

The following items are matters of report:

- Amendment of Standing Orders – the updated version is to be put on the website
- Charity of the Year – Care for the Carers have been notified that they are the chosen charity for 2020/21; and the JPK Project has also been told of the council's £250 supplementary donation, which is about to be paid.
- Request for notice on public right of way – the enquirer has been notified that the council did not agree to post notices
- Public health advice – the offer from a resident has been declined
- Cyber-crime insurance policy – the enquiry form from Travellers must be completed

- County liaison meeting – ESCC has agreed to the holding of a remote liaison meeting to be hosted by the parish council. The Principal Traffic and Safety Office and the Highway Steward have been asked to suggest dates.