

Date: 02 July 2020

Title: Report Item 9 – Friston Build-out

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To provide an update on progress

Recommendations: a) To note the progress report
b) To approve the virement of an additional £4,000 to the project budget, and payment of a further £7,000 (net of VAT) to ESCC for construction to go ahead

We have now received from East Sussex Highways the cost of the construction phase of the pedestrian build-out proposals at the top of Friston Hill, as requested by the parish council. The plans for the scheme are attached to this report.

The Principal Scheme Development Officer states that the Target Cost value is £14,979.08. On this basis the Parish Council's Community Match half share of the costs could be £7,490.

Included within this figure is...

- The construction of the new design (including materials, labour, plant and traffic management).
- A value for the site supervision and design support during the construction phase.
- A value for the additional design work requested by the Parish Council. Agreement was reached on that on 31st March 2020.
- A value for the administrative processes required to manage the scheme (i.e. road-space booking, stat searches, site RAMS, As Built drawings, asset register update, etc.).

The parish council has in fact already paid £3,000 (net of VAT) as its contribution to the design of the build-out and expected to pay a further £3,000 which would be within budget for the current financial year. However, at the end of March a site meeting was held to discuss proposed modifications to the design which were known to involve some extra cost, though figures were not yet available. The council considered the modifications at a remote meeting held on 2nd April, and approved all the changes which were agreed to be improvements on the original scheme [Minute C.207 (g)]. This meeting was technically informal as the coronavirus regulations permitting the holding of remote meetings had not yet become law.

It has now emerged that the construction costs of £14,979.08 for the scheme are in addition to the design costs.

In an ESCC report of the Lead Member for Transport & Environment dated 19 November 2018 the total scheme costs are set out as £20,000, with £10,000 each being paid by the County Council and the community (Parish Council). Since the Parish Council has already paid £3,000, ESCC proposes to adjust the remaining balance to £7,000 net of VAT which would bring the total paid by the parish council to £10,000. An additional sum of £4,000 would need to be vired to the project budget.

