

Date: 29 June 2021

Title: Report Item 6 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: a) To provide an update on progress since the informal meeting on 03 June 2021

b) To approve a one-off hire of the pavilion on a weekday evening for band practice.

Recommendation: a) To note the progress report

b) To approve a one-off hire of the pavilion for evening band practice

The following is a matter for decision:

- **Pavilion hire for band practice** – the councillors on 3rd June were prepared to allow a one-off hire to be approved by the clerk under delegated powers, but the band has since advised that they will need an evening session rather than an afternoon session. The council is requested to approve this in principle.

The following are matters of report:

- **Online banking mandate** – the documentation has been received from Barclays for completion, and the inclusion of the Admin. Officer as an authorised payer is in hand. However, as councillor appointments are to be reviewed and possibly re-allocated at the August council meeting, this part of the mandate change is to be held in abeyance until then.
- **Council Guard insurance renewal** – this has gone through.
- **Gift of defibrillator** – the handover is now scheduled to take place on 23rd June, with the Chair and Vice Chair and two former Responders attending on behalf of the council.
- **Repairs at the play area** – Wicksteed has quoted £360 plus VAT for labour to repair the rope bridge, the parts having been received and paid for. The quote has been accepted and the contractor has been in touch to arrange a date for the work.
- **Tree safety survey and insurance** – an enquiry has been sent to the Highway Land Information team at county hall regarding the ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the trees at Friston Green which stand on the highway verge. This applies particularly to the trees north of the A259, adjacent to the junction with the Jevington Road, some of which are in a vulnerable state and potentially hazardous. If any responsibility is deemed by the county council to rest with the parish council then a formal survey will need to be commissioned and remedial work carried out to a standard that will satisfy the council's insurers. However, it is thought likely that the council has no responsibility for trees north of the A259, as this land and all the land comprising the original Friston Green is unregistered. The council has customarily and voluntarily maintained the Friston Pond area to the south of the A259 but the trees in this area do not impinge on the highway.

- **Ownership of trees at Micheldene Road/A259 junction** – enquiries are in progress about the ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the trees on the left hand side of Micheldene Road, entering from the main A259. The trees on the right hand side stand on land which lapsed into the ownership of the Treasury Solicitor when the companies that built the Estate were wound up, and are unmanaged.
- **Signing the footpath from Upper Street to Friston Church** – ESCC Highways and Rights of Way have both been asked to approve the provision of an appropriate sign for walkers. The Rights of Way team have no objection but have passed the matter to Traffic and Safety as the sign would be on the street/main highway [Case Numbers 00580733/00581746]. A response is awaited.