

Date: 07 April 2022

Title: Report Item 7 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: To note the report by the Clerk

The following are matters for decision:

- Licence for visit by the Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company – the parish council has approved the date of Thursday 30th June 2022 [Council Minutes, 6th January 2022, Item C.509]. A formal licence now needs to be issued. A copy is attached in the format used in previous years.
- Ukraine – to consider a donation to the emergency appeal under the General Power of Competence

The following are matters for report:

- Crossing points on A259 – Maria Caulfield MP has been advised that the council would like both crossing points upgraded (i.e. at Friston Green as well as Gilberts Drive) and has put forward these suggestions to the A259 team for their consideration. Final packages for study are due to be announced this Spring and Ms Caulfield will keep the council informed on any updates.
- Community Watch Helping Hands – the conveners will meet councillors informally prior to the April meeting to provide an update on their future plans
- Vandalism at East Dean bus shelter – this has been reported to the PCSO and repairs are in hand
- Play area – the council's mowing contractor has, as requested, cut back the gorse overgrowth which is rooted in The Drove
- Mowing of Greensward – the Greensward Company/RA have confirmed that the whole area is to be mown as usual until this autumn when it is hoped to launch a re-naturing project with the support of a grant from the parish council [previously discussed in council in November 2021]
- Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022 – the council has now heard that the Internal Auditor will visit on 30th May and the External Auditor requires to have all documentation received no later than Friday 1st July. The council will therefore have the Annual Return as an item on their agenda for the meeting on 9th June 2022. The council will not be subject to an Intermediate Level Review this year.

The following matters are still being pursued:

- Bank mandate – in view of the difficulty of making changes to the mandate, it is suggested that this is put on hold until after the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 5th May 2022 when the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year will be made.
- Electric vehicle charging points and car park lighting – the chair has written to District Cllr Lunn cc District Cllr Galley (Portfolio Holder) to support WDC's initiative and argue for East Dean village car park to be included in the first phase of installations in the district. A response is awaited.
- The Emergency Plan as revised at the February meeting has been reissued to councillors, but is still missing some contact information in Appendix 3. When this is available it will be republished. Appendix 4 with confidential contact details of residents who would be willing to be called on in an emergency e.g. to provide first aid, is to be supplemented by advice from the council's insurers about their insurance cover in such a situation, and enquiries are ongoing. When complete this will be issued only to serving councillors. Wealden District Council has just launched a new initiative to update and collate parish emergency plan policies and EDF is participating in this process. WDC's own contact details for emergency situations are about to change.
- Flint wall in Downlands Way – the Hon. Solicitor is obtaining an update of title from the Land Registry. He has also advised that 'ownership on the one hand and the obligation to maintain (a wall) on the other, do not always go hand in hand. Where a wall is supported by or lends support to an adjoining structure the Party Walls Act is likely to come into play. The legislation was drafted on the footing that it would involve the instruction of a "party wall Act surveyor" - where, therefore, the Act is likely to apply it is generally necessary to seek the advice of a surveyor who undertakes such work.'

This Licence is made on the 7th April 2022 between East Dean and Friston Parish Council, The Old Cottage, Lewes Road, Laughton, BN8 6BQ (hereinafter called the Licensor) of the one part and The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company, The Peppe Nappa Studio, Unit 8, Commercial Mews South, 42a Commercial Road, Eastbourne, BN22 9QH (hereinafter called the Licensee) of the other Part.

Whereas

1. The Licensor is the owner of the War Memorial Recreation Ground, Gilberts Drive, East Dean, BN20 0DJ (the Licence Area)
2. The Licensee represents the Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company and has sought permission from the Licensor to occupy the Licence Area and the Licensor is minded to grant a licence for the same subject to the Conditions below

Conditions

1. In consideration of the conditions appearing hereunder the Licensor hereby permits the Licensee to occupy the Licence Area shown edged red on the attached plan for the Period.
2. The Licensee hereby agrees to comply with the following conditions:
 - a) The Licensee shall be responsible for maintaining the Licence Area to the satisfaction of the Licensor or duly authorised representative of his
 - b) The Licensee shall fully and completely release and indemnify and keep indemnified the Licensor from and against all actions, suits, claims costs, expenses, damages and demands whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the use of the Licence Area and / or the granting of this Licence
 - c) The Licensor shall effect insurance in respect of the risks set out in b) above for a minimum sum of £5,000,000
 - d) The Licensee shall vacate the Licence Area and leave it in a good standard of appearance and repair to the satisfaction of the Licensor upon the expiry or earlier revocation of this Licence
 - e) The Licensee shall vacate the Licence Area and/or allow access it to immediately on request by the Landlord where access is reasonably required.
 - f) The Licensee will inspect the License Area to ensure it is in good order and clear of any debris or other item at the start and end of the Period.
- 3 It is hereby agreed and declared
 - a) Subject to the conditions herein the Period shall commence at 3 pm on Thursday 30 June 2022 and expire at 11 pm on Thursday 30 June 2022 (the Period)
 - b) This Licence is granted to the Licensee and to no other person or body

- c) The Licensor reserves the right to revoke this Licence at any time (provided that where practicable not less than 28 days' notice will be given) and in doing so will not be liable for any consequential costs or losses whatsoever and the Licensee shall have no right of appeal or right to compensation in respect of revocation.
- d) The Licensor does not warrant that any present or future use to which the Licensee puts the License Area is permitted under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act or any other legislation
- e) The Licensor does not warrant that the License Area is in a fit or sound condition for the purposes the Licensee wishes.
- f) The Licensee requires the consent of the Licensor to make any alterations to the License Area

Signed by

The Licensor.....

Councillor Paul Seeley, Chairman

East Dean and Friston Parish Council

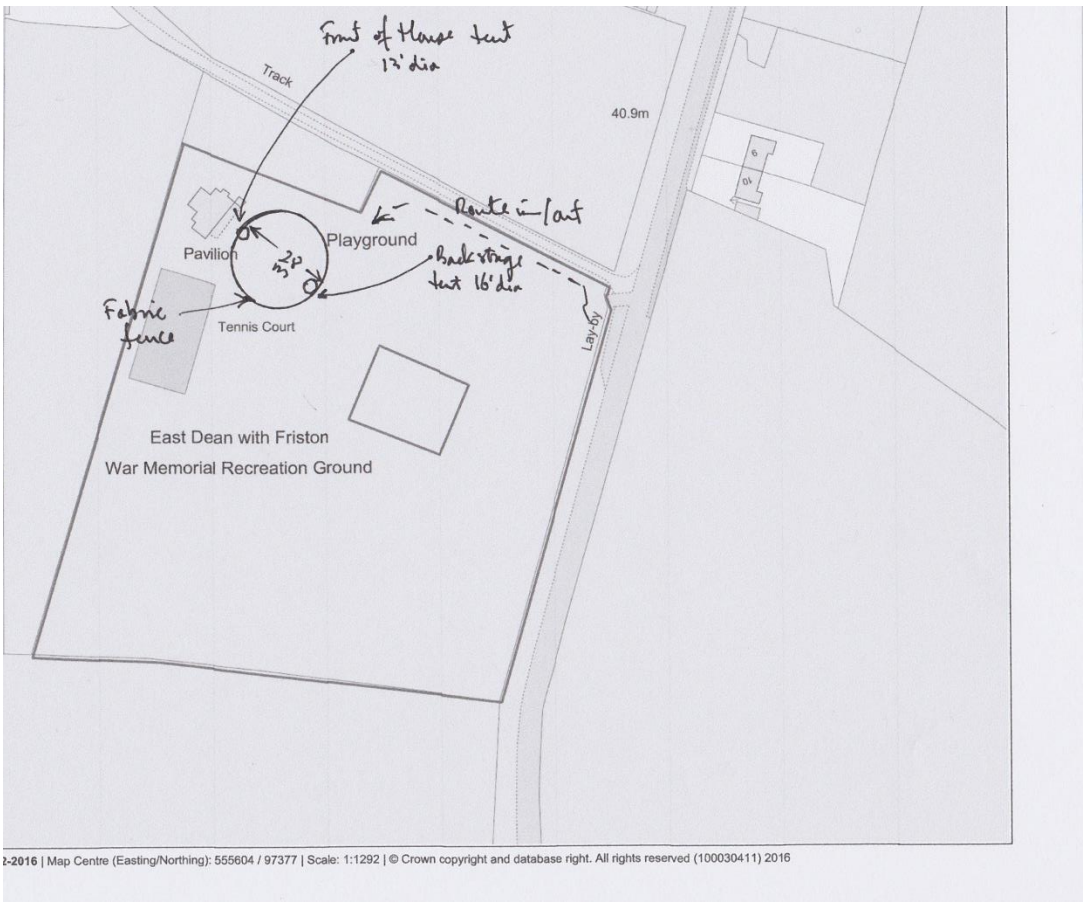
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The Licensee

Peter Talbot, Chairman

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company

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