

**Date:** 07 April 2022

**Title:** Report Item 16 – Correspondence

**By:** K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

**Purpose:** To report on correspondence received since the council meeting on 07 April 2022

**Recommendations:** To note the report

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**Note:** more items may be added to this schedule prior to the council meeting on 5 May 2022; a copy of the final version can be obtained by emailing the Clerk: [clerk@edfparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@edfparishcouncil.org.uk)

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- **Footpath 5 – Friston Forest** – a resident has written in warm appreciation of the complete restoration by East Sussex County Council of 23 steps on Footpath 5 where it descends the side of the Down below Friston Green. The resident commends in particular ‘the excellent work of [ESCC] staff, in particular Ben, for the care and quality of the work’. The parish council is requested to send ESCC Rights of Way its own message of thanks and appreciation for work well done and in enhancement of public amenity, access and safety.
- **Zero Hours Climate Declaration** – a resident has requested the council and individual councillors to endorse this online Declaration which can be found at <https://www.ceebill.uk/ncd>. The Declaration shows support for limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels; and halting and reversing biodiversity loss by 2030, i.e. targets which are relatively ambitious. This should be a way for political leaders to demonstrate their support for more ambitious nature-climate action ahead of the important UN summits on biodiversity and climate change—COP15 and COP27—taking place this year. Both of these important objectives have cross-party backing, and it is hoped that there will be a positive response from the UK Government when this initiative launches in Westminster in May. The parish council has, following its resolution in October 2021, already signified its support for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, which is a Private Members Bill introduced at Westminster by Caroline Lucas MP in 2020.
- **Website Security** - a resident has commented on the fact that the council’s website is technically ‘insecure’. The council’s web provider, Vision ICT, has been asked to

comment and says: 'It just means that you don't have an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) certificate attached to it. These certificates encrypt any personal data stored on your site, like bank details or credit card information and your domain will switch from an http:// to an https:// address. This is essential for banks and online shopping but to be honest of less use to a council where all of the data is for public consumption anyway. The cost of an SSL Certificate would be £150 plus VAT to set up and £50 pa plus VAT thereafter.' The council may wish to consider whether it should acquire an SSL certificate.