

Date: 09 June 2022

Title: Report Item 7 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

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

Recommendations: a) To note the report
b) To consider whether an additional pavilion hire charge should be required for a 6 day youth cricket festival in April 2023
c) To consider raising the hourly rate for cleaning the pavilion from £10 to £12 with effect from 01 April 2022

The following are matters for decision:

- To consider whether an additional pavilion hire charge should be required for a 6 day youth cricket festival in April 2023
- To consider raising the hourly rate for cleaning the pavilion from £10 to £12 with effect from 01 April 2022. The rate has remained unchanged for ten years and the increase requested seems very reasonable.

The following are matters for report:

- Climate and Ecology Bill – the council has signified its support for this Bill which now stands a chance of being debated this October. Its supporters request you to write again to your MP requesting her to sign the Nature and Climate Declaration and to support the Bill. They further request that this is done using the tool on their website:
https://www.cebill.uk/ncd_write_mp?utm_campaign=ncd_england&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cebill
- Local Council Award Scheme – with the agreement of the Chair, a report on progress with the council's application, in particular the drafting of a parish Action Plan, has been deferred to the July meeting
- Council insurance – the new policy from Ansvar is now in place.
- Workplace pensions – the East Sussex Pension Fund has been notified of the council's decision to join the Local Government Pension scheme, which will be activated once they have received a copy of the approved and signed minutes of the May meeting at which the decision was made.
- Rialtas Accountancy software – arrangements are in place for the council's budget to be loaded into the package in early June and for the clerk to have a further training session on the package on 21 June 2022. The package will be enabled for Making Tax Digital, enabling the first VAT return of this financial year to be compliant with HMRC's new requirements.
- Cricket pavilion - an Electrical Installation Condition Report has been carried out by Hamptons in advance of the heavy usage anticipated over the Jubilee, and no faults have been found.

- Timetable of Meetings 2022 – there is a mistake in the timetable of meetings published on the website, which includes the date of Thursday 1st September. In fact the parish council does not normally meet in September, and confirmed at the APCM that it did not intend to meet in September this year. A correction is being issued.