

**Date:** 04 August 2022

**Title:** Report Item 12 – Correspondence

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

**Purpose:** To report on correspondence received since the council meeting on 07 July 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 4 August 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:

- **Roadside bank at Forge Cottage, Friston Hill** – the residents of this property have been appealing for some time for ESCC to trim the highway verge – a steep roadside bank - which runs alongside their property and when overgrown can obscure the view of their driveway for oncoming vehicles in a tight location near a bend in the road. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 there was a serious incident involving a delivery van, which was pulling out of the shared driveway, and a cyclist coming down Friston Hill. The road was closed for several hours, with ambulances, a helicopter, the police and the police investigation team all in attendance. The bank is the responsibility of East Sussex Highways and the householders have been advised not to touch it because of the dangerous location, but the same dangers affect ESCC's own contractors who therefore do not trim the bank unless the road is closed – which happens only very rarely. Closure for routine trimming twice a year is probably not feasible on the main A259. The residents have requested that the bank be resurfaced so that twice yearly maintenance is not required.
- **Mobile post office** – an enquiry has been sent to the Post Office asking how the parish council should apply for such a service and what criteria have to be met for an application to be granted. A response is awaited.