

Date: 05 October 2023

Title: Report Item 21 – Correspondence

By: S Adeniji (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the council meeting on 3rd August 2023

Recommendations: To note the report and consider any further actions in response to the correspondence.

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- **Dead Tree Outside 1 Churchfield opposite the church** – A dead tree has been reported on the wide verge outside 1 Churchfield opposite the church. The tree came into leaf early in the year and then very suddenly all the leaves browned and fell off. There is no sign of growth now. The tree is unsightly.
- **Roadside Bank and Footpath On A259 Friston Hill** – The grass bank is not regularly maintained, although the grass verge on Friston Hill (end of Upper Street) has been regularly cut by the Parish Council. The grass bank, when overgrown, affects visibility for oncoming traffic travelling, sometimes at speed, from Friston Hill. The grass bank is meant to be included in the twice-yearly ESCC rural cutting programme.

According to ESCC Highways, the reason the grass bank did not have two cuts is because "East Dean and Friston Parish Council have opted to participate in the rural grass cutting trial this year. This means that only visibility cuts at junctions and on the inside of bends would be undertaken during the first cut and the second cut would be the standard service".

- **Gilbert's Drive** – In the summer especially when the Village Hall is in use, Gilbert's Drive comes to a standstill and sometimes the Police have to come and clear the congestion. The problems were caused by the car park being full so cars parked up one side of the road.

This issue can be resolved if the field could be used for parking and no parking cones were placed down the road like on market days.

In addition, there is a problem with parking around "The Fridays" as there is not enough parking for residents. Shortage of residents parking is made worse at weekends not just from tourists but the cricket teams who park along the pavement as well.