

Agenda Item 15 June Meeting – Toilets in the Village

Minute number 2320 from the April meeting refers. In advance of contacting the estate I got in touch with Wealden to check details regarding the community toilet scheme.

Building an additional toilet has been ruled out on a cost basis

[Community Toilet Scheme - Wealden District Council](#)

The following facts came to light:

- The payments to participating businesses are budgeted year-by-year and the 26-27 budget is exhausted. Businesses can reapply for 27-28 year in November
- Only 1 business per area will qualify (Although the scheme requests 10+ hours opening, the Hiker's Rest could apply.
- The position is unclear after local government re-organisation. The scheme may not continue.

Although the Tiger is open longer hours (between 10 and 12 hours as opposed to 6 days for the Hikers rest and 7.5-hour opening) the Hiker's would be more family friendly.

I have written to the estate to check whether the scheme would be of interest.

Should the scheme not be continued under the new Unitary Authority, this would remain a cost-effective method of ensuring public toilets are available in the village.

Proposal: That the issue should be diarised for January 2028. The council should then consider annual payments to a business to provide toilets.

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