

FAO The Chair

The Residents' Association is shocked and disappointed at the Parish Council's decision to decline a donation towards the Village Fete.

Please allow me to clear up some misconceptions your end. The Residents' Association do not use funds raised generally from the Fete, if any, to make donations to Charity and specifically we do not use funds raised from the Fete to make donations to The Chaplaincy.

Only those funds raised from the Raffle (prizes all donated) on the day of the Fete are given to a chosen local Good Cause. This year we are supporting Motcombe School. The school children will also enjoy an old-fashioned school sports day as part of Fete activities.

The Village Fete is run by the Community for the Community. It is a free event which supports the Community, local Groups, local Businesses and Shops. It is not a commercial venture. It is run entirely by Volunteers. The substantial additional costs accruing from the production of the Fete - insurance, licences, PAT testing, hire of facilities among others, are covered by sponsorship and donations. Our aim is always to have a cost neutral Fete.

I respectfully ask the Parish Council to reconsider its decision regarding a donation to support the East Dean and Friston Village Fete.

Thank you,

Yvonne Egan-Petzal

Chair of the Residents' Association