



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 August 2019 in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, Gilberts Drive, East Dean, commencing at 6.15 pm

Councillors present: Cllr M Keller (in the Chair), Cllr L d'Urso, Cllr P Hill, Cllr J Walker and Cllr B Wheatley

In attendance: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

There was one member of the public present.

C.86 Acceptance of apologies for absence: - Cllr T Bryant, Cllr N Day, Cllr K Godden, and Cllr P Seeley

C.87 Declarations of Interests: - None

C.88 Friston Community Match Scheme

The Chair reminded members that the intention of the scheme was to address the problem that it was very difficult to cross the A259 safely at the top of Friston Hill, especially if traversing from the south side to the north, due to the curve in the road. The proposed solution was that the kerb of the bus layby on the south side would be built out a short distance which would have the effect of letting pedestrians move further out from the pavement in safety and improve their view down Friston Hill before crossing. There was no room for a formal pedestrian refuge, and other options would have been prohibitively expensive, but the proposed build-out should still be an improvement to safety. The sketch provided by Cllr Hill and submitted to East Sussex Highways over two years ago had become one of only three cases in the county approved for match funding.

The next stage would be for Highways to prepare a formal design at a cost of £6,000, of which £3,000 should come from the parish council. A further £3,000 would be required from the parish towards construction costs. These sums were included in the council's budget for 2019/20. There was a small risk that following the design stage the project might change in a manner unacceptable to the parish, though there would be room for negotiation, and it was unlikely that the scheme would change radically, having already been approved by Highways for match funding. It was noted that the procedure being followed was normal in the construction industry. Members strongly supported proceeding with the scheme and the associated expenditure, which had been fully supported at the Annual Village Meeting in May 2017.

RESOLVED - To approve a parish contribution of up to £6,000 to the implementation of the Friston Build-out scheme, £3,000 to be paid at the design stage and £3,000 to be paid at the building stage

C.89 Date of next ordinary meeting – Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

Signed..... (Chair)

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