East Dean & Friston Parish Council

Date: **06 May 2021**

Title: **Report Item 14 -– Correspondence**

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

Purpose: **To report on correspondence received since the April meeting**

Recommendations: **To note the report**

Note: more items may be added to this schedule prior to the council meeting on 6th May 2021; a copy of the final version can be obtained by emailing the Clerk: clerk@edfparishcouncil.org.uk

The following items of correspondence have been received since the April council meeting:

- **Traffic Issues –** the council has been copied into correspondence between the Beachy Head Estate and Maria Caulfield MP, regarding the current traffic issues in the parish and its environs. The MP has been requested to 'lead the charge' to achieve a result similar to that achieved in the parish of Cheddar (Somerset County Council), whether by going back to the Minister for Roads, or by other means. This will involve someone in central government accepting that there is a problem (including a change in ESCC Traffic Policy) and being willing to come up with a traffic management plan and a budget to implement it. Local organisations can then start to work together with a common and meaningful goal, which will undoubtedly have economic, environmental and social benefits for a wider audience. Full copies of the correspondence and accompanying photos of recent road traffic accidents have been circulated to councillors.

- **State of the Jevington Road –** a further complaint and a request for follow-up information have been received from Cuckmere Buses. A local newspaper report claims that the Jevington Road is only scheduled for repair of pot-holes as the Gas board want to put in a new main to Jevington.

- **Mowing at the Village Car Park and at The Fridays –** a resident has queried whether the parish council's contractor works in the village car park and/or around the garages at The Fridays. He does not. These areas are managed by Wealden District Council.

- **Planting wildflower seeds** – a resident has suggested that the council should consult with the Church about planting on the bank at Friston in front of the church

flint wall. Wealden District council might also be consulted about planting some patches around the car park, and the Village Hall Trust could be offered some for the bank between the Hall and Gilberts Drive.

- **Planting of hedges** – the same resident notes that the council was also looking at places to plant hedges at one point, and suggests planting a hedge on the land the Parish Council own about 10 feet wide at the end of The Link, although it might need protecting from any livestock in the field and take a few years to mature as it is very exposed.

- **All weather table tennis –** a resident has proposed that an all-weather table tennis table could be provided in the space between the tennis court and the cricket pavilion when funds allow. The resident says: 'Many public spaces now have these and they are quite popular with young and old alike. They are quite Covid safe as players have to bring their own bats and balls. They are heavy and resistant to the wind and rain. This is the type of thing https://www.heblad.uk/en/379/2/concrete-ping-pong-table-green A table costs around £2,000 and ground work preparation would probably also be required.