East Dean & Friston
Parish Council

Date: **07 December 2023**

Title: **Report Item 18 – Correspondence**

By: **S Adeniji (Clerk)**

Purpose: **To report on correspondence received**

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

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- **Email received from Mr W.**
  I'd appreciate it if you could let us know what actions have been taken, or planned, by the council since this minute from the 7 July 2002 council meeting:

  C.614 Net Zero Policy/Environment policy
  a) The council took note of a Net Zero policy template produced by the East Sussex Association of Local Councils.
  b) The council took note that it was invited to participate in the South Downs National Park Authority's networking initiative for parishes interested in combatting climate change. it was agreed that the council should sign up ACTION: KL

  Many thanks, Peter

- **Another email received from Mr W.**
  I'd be grateful if the Council could respond to this point raised in an email sent at 18.59 hrs on 21 October:

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  1. the ecological survey principally for candidate roadside wildlife verges did not cover the parish council-owned land that Footpath 33b is situated on the length of the field beyond the twitten at the end of The Link. The subsequent, short report you obtained from Laurie Jackson clearly only relates to the twitten itself: "This area as described to me was surveyed. It was dominated by tall herbs and coarse grasses and with its width would probably be tricky to implement anything here. There was an incredibly interesting short chalk bank where the footpath met The Link, however it looked to be owned by the house on the corner." How has this come about when the specification the Council agreed to at a full council meeting at the request of Climate Friends clearly includes this and the quote was revised to reflect this additional requirement ?

- **Running Event – Email from Mr K**
  "I just wanted to get in touch regarding our annual running event that briefly passes through East Dean to see if the Parish Council are happy with it.

  The date in 2024 will be May 26th and we will again be hiring the Village Hall in East Dean to use as an aid station stop for the runners. The runners will be extremely spread out as always and will be arriving to the Village Hall throughout the day before heading back up into the Downs to continue their run.

  We will have Marshall's on duty to make sure all runs smoothly. Please let me know if this is ok."

- **Email from Profession D. re Hillside** –
  As promised in my email of 25 November 2023, I am writing to inform you that the hedge cutting at my property has now been conducted. I have attached a number of photographs that demonstrate the hedge no longer extends over the verge, as we agreed during your site visit with Cllr Sleeley.

  In our earlier correspondence you indicated that the Council might consider "a contribution towards the cost of cutting back the hedge once the hedge has been cut back satisfactorily". I have, therefore, attached a copy of the bill in the sum of £160 from Tom Gudgeon, Highwood Tree Surgery, who conducted the work and which we have paid in full.

  With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

- **From the Cricket Club** –
  Happy New Year and I hope 2024 has started well for you.

  I'm writing this email in the spirit of continued transparency between the cricket club and Parish Council.

  As you know from our discussions about the longer term ambitions for the cricket club / pavilion, we are looking for ways to improve the way we serve our members and provide benefit for the local community.

  Whilst we look forward to exploring the medium term feasibility of developing the pavilion into a vibrant community sports and social facility with you, we would also like to improve our social offering in the more immediate future.

  The Cricket Club would like to apply for a Club alcohol license from Wealden DC in order to be legally able to offer alcoholic refreshments to members, opposition players and supporters at the pavilion. All fees will be paid for by the Club and we hope the PC, as our landlord and partner, would feel able to support our application if asked.

  It's important to note that this will not be a public bar; it will however enable us to generate some income from having a few beers/beverages post game instead of BYO as is currently the case.

As part of our application, we need to demonstrate how we satisfy the strict criteria and conditions for license approval which are shared on the same linked page above.

To support this ambition, we are also planning to pay for and build a small bar along with making some improvements to the decoration in the pavilion. Alternatively, we may be able to source a second hand bar off Facebook or eBay.

We hope that our proposed application would be supported by the PC and ask whether you have any feedback.

Please let us know your thoughts.

(This will be formally brought to the Council at the next meeting in February)