

Date: 5th April 2018

Title: Report Item 14 – Correspondence

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on correspondence received since the March meeting

Recommendations: To note the report

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

- **Wealden District Council** – the Community & Regeneration team is currently developing a website to promote walking in Wealden as part of a Healthy Wealden Strategy. They say: We have found some great walks on your Parish Council website and were wondering if we could have your permission to include links to these on our new website? Permission has been given.
- **Village Hall Trust** – the Trust has asked who is responsible for repairing the brick pier and the flint wall to the car park on the south side of the gate. The pier has been damaged, probably by a large vehicle using the entrance to turn. It is probably the responsibility of the Trust to repair these items. The Trust has been put in touch with WDC's surveyor, who has information about suitable contractors.
- **Robert Crouch** – an author researching a novel, has asked where someone would be buried if they died in East Dean and Friston without relatives, and the funeral had to be arranged by Wealden. The burial would probably take place in East Dean churchyard which is still open, though nearly full.
- **Mr D Ellis** – The Drove has been fenced off and access to Went Way is no longer possible. Is this legitimate? The council has responded that it is: The Drove is unfortunately a private path which the landowner is entitled to close. Heras fencing has been installed along the northern edge of The Drove to protect the since construction began on the new housing development, and has more recently been installed on the southern edge as well, apparently as a safety measure whilst a trench is excavated to lay drains.
- **Jane Tatum** – is there going to be phone mast to give coverage down to Birling Gap? The council has responded that this is the intention when the new phone mast is installed on the A259. However, the council has no information as to when this will actually happen.
- **The Parochial Church Council** – the parish council is requested to consider resuming regular annual contributions towards churchyard maintenance. This will be

considered either under the aegis of the council's new Grant Policy for local organisations, or as a stand-alone item.

- **Natural England** – the proposed England Coastal Path in East Dean follows the existing South Downs Way National Trail along the Seven Sisters to Birling Gap, then along past Belle Tout Lighthouse to Beachy Head and beyond.
- **Mr P Bennion** – has queried why the precept has gone up considerably in excess of inflation. Full details have been supplied, with an assurance that the precept is not forecast to rise again before 2023 at the earliest.
- **A resident** – has queried the need for a dog bin in Downs View Lane, stating that at present there is no sign of a dog poo problem there.

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