

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Title:** Report Item 15 – Correspondence

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

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

**Recommendations:** To note the report

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

- **Unauthorised use of Village Car Park** – Wealden District Council has received complaints regarding the use of the village car park by a coach company as a base for picking up and dropping off passengers before and after excursions. The passengers who park and leave their cars there are doing nothing wrong, though the coach itself is not authorised to use the car park. If this is seen as a problem, the only way of preventing it would be to make the car park subject to the normal three hour limit with no return within three hours. However, this could create more difficulties than it would solve.
- **East Dean Responders** – may have to be wound up
- **Village Hall Trust** – enquiry about responsibility for repair under the Lease
- **ESCC** – the Home Office is making a further £1 million in funding available in England and Wales to support security in places of worship that have been or might be vulnerable to hate crime.
- **Wealden District Council** – WDC has approved the adoption by the Council of powers to issue civil penalties under the Littering from Vehicles Outside London (Keepers: Civil Penalties) Regulations 2018; and has delegated to the Head of Planning and Environmental Services (HPES) the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for littering offences under the new Regulations.
- **Wealden District Council** – WDC is now advertising the four new affordable homes to rent at The Fridays. **In allocating these properties, priority must be given to applicants with local connections.** Anyone interested is advised to:
  - Apply to join the housing register as early as possible
  - Tell WDC about their local connection at the point they apply
  - Tell WDC about any change in circumstances
  - Put in a bid even if you are in a low priority band
  - Apply at [www.wealden.gov.uk/applyforhousing](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/applyforhousing) where they will be directed to the application form that can be downloaded and emailed to Wealden

- Note the deadline for applications for this site is **30<sup>th</sup> July 2018**
- **ESCC** – East Sussex County Council will no longer be erecting the Snow fence on the A259 East Dean Road. The reasoning behind the decision is that 'recent winters have not seen significant snow fall and our resources could be better deployed by utilising the Winter Snow Plough Scheme. Under this scheme we have someone based in East Dean, who in the event of significant snow fall can assist our gritting fleet by a fast response'.

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