

Date: 01 August 2019

Title: Report Item 8 – Business in Progress

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To provide an update on progress since the July meeting

Recommendations: To note the progress report

The following items are matters for report:

- Friston build-out – ESCC has been requested to give the parish an estimate of the construction costs
- Safety in Birling Gap Road – ESCC's Principal Traffic and Safety officer has been asked for his view on whether 'pedestrians in road' signs are really out of the question on Birling Gap Road between the old Sheep Centre and the Shepherds Cottage. A response is awaited. PH has confirmed the reduction of the 13X bus service has contributed to the number of walkers in the road.
- Request bus stop at Downsview Lane – ESCC has been provided with photos showing the former and proposed locations of the Downsview Lane bus stop (on the north side of the A259) to see if the stop can be permanently reinstated in a safer location. A response is awaited.
- Squeeze gate – two more residents have very kindly made donations towards the cost of reinstating the gate
- Missed bin at Friston Pond – WDC have been advised that the parish council will take this bin away as it may be re-purposed, e.g. as a planter.
- Fallen tree on Greensward – this has been reported to the Residents' Association
- Trumpet player for Remembrance Sunday – enquiries are ongoing
- Car park lights – an officer report is awaited from Wealden District Council, who have asked for a full report on the accident that has occurred to a resident, to help make the business case for the provision of appropriate low-level lighting
- Decommissioning of East Dean phone box – representations have been made to the SDNPA (as required by BT), explaining the council's opposition to the loss of this phone box on safety grounds. The Birling Gap phone box is not affected.
- Standing Orders – SO3e has been amended as directed by the council of 4 July 2019 and the whole document is being reissued.
- Mowing the outfield – the contractor has been requested to give advance notice to council if extra cuts are required at the recreation ground
- Picnic tables on village green – a reminder has been sent to The Tiger Inn about the limitations on commercial use of the village green.
- Ownership of north side pavement in Downlands precinct – this does appear to belong to the parish council, who are also responsible for its maintenance
- Barclays signatories – a mandate change form has been obtained to add Cllr Seeley and Cllr Godden to the account signatories (in addition to Cllr Keller and the clerk).