



East Dean & Friston P a r i s h C o u n c i l

- Date:** Extraordinary PC meeting - 20 August 2019
- Title:** Report Item 3 – Friston Community Match Scheme
- By:** K Larkin (Parish Clerk)
- Purpose:** To provide an update on the cost and funding of the proposed Friston build-out
- Recommendations:** a) To note the report
b) To approve a parish contribution of up to £6,000 to the implementation of the Friston Build-out scheme, £3,000 to be paid at the design stage and £3,000 to be paid at the building stage

The following is the latest information from East Sussex Highways: The scheme has not been designed yet. The design phase for the build out is the first stage of the two stage process and will cost £6,149 in total.

The Parish Council's share for the design would be £3,000.

If the design is approved by the Parish Council, for the scheme to go on to the second stage, construction, the PC would be required to pay a further £3,000. The total cost is estimated at £17,900 which means that the parish would benefit from a Community Match Fund contribution of well over the usual 50%.

There is a risk that if the parish council pays £3,000 for the design stage then does not like the design, it will have lost its initial contribution and/or additional expenditure may be required either for the design or the execution. However, the procedure being followed by ESCC is understood to be the norm in the industry.

The parish council has a sum of £6,000 set aside for the scheme in its budget for 2019/20, the scheme having received the support of the parish at a previous Annual Village Meeting.

ESCC needs to know if the Parish Council wishes to go ahead with the design stage.