East Dean & Friston
Parish Council

Date: **02 July 2020**

Title: **Report Item 13 – Correspondence**

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

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

Recommendations: **To note the report**

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

- **Cuckmere Buses service 41 –** CCB report that during their initial phase return to service, which includes the ED&F Thursday only service 41, and limits on passenger numbers, no invoices for financial support will be triggered.
- **Use of village green** – a resident has enquired as to the legal position during the lockdown when local businesses may wish their customers to be able to consume food and drink on the green. This is permitted, but any picnic furniture placed on the green for commercial purposes is kept to a minimum and must be available to all comers, not only to customers.
- **Memorial bench or Tree** – a resident has written to ask whether it would be possible to provide a bench or tree in memory of a relative who was a long-standing resident.
- **ATM's in villages** – it is reported that some elderly residents are having difficulty in getting cash, but that Link, the cash machine network, are putting in two free ATM's a month in villages where there is no ATM in easy reach or there are many elderly or vulnerable people. It seems the local council have to apply to Which? to put it to Link and many have already applied. Is this something EDF parish council would wish to do?
- **Renewal of gas main** – a resident has complained at the decision of SGN to go ahead with this work during the lockdown when there will be little escape from the noise and disruption.
- **Strimming of hedge** – the CCB bus driver has reported that on a sharp bend on the upper levels of Hillside, the hedges are encroaching well onto the road requiring drivers to swing wide on that blind corner when descending. This is being brought to the attention of the landowner.
- **Ultramarathon –** an endurance running event is being planned for 30 May 2021 to pass through EDF on public paths. The race is a 100 km ultramarathon which starts in Arundel and finishes in Eastbourne. It predominantly follows the South Downs Way but comes off briefly as it passes through Friston Forest and through Crowlink before attaching back at Birling Gap. The route from Crowlink would run down the pathway alongside the main road to East Dean village. Runners would then go to the village

hall before doing a u-turn and exiting the village to the left of the village green towards Birling Gap. The organisers have spoken to East Sussex County Council Rights of Way, and to the Village Hall Manager, and have been advised to consult the Gilbert Estate as well. They have asked the parish council if they would anticipate any objections from residents, and whether the council can advise on suitable publicity locally. They say: 'There should be around 200 runners but with East Dean being 58 miles into the race the field will be so spread out that there will maybe be 1 or 2 runners coming in at any one time. The first runner would come through in around 8 hours with the last around 15 hours'.

- **Traffic problems at Birling Gap –** a response from ESCC's Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to the proposals from the Gilbert Estate has been circulated to councillors