East Dean & Friston Parish Council

Date: **03 October 2019**

Title: **Report Item 7 – Business in Progress**

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

Purpose: **To provide an update on progress since the August meeting**

Recommendations: **To note the progress report**

The following items are matters for consideration:

- Friston build-out – following the Extraordinary council meeting held on 20 August, ESCC has received confirmation that the parish council is fully supportive of this scheme. The parish council has paid its first financial contribution of £3,000 (towards the cost of the design stage), out of a total of £6,000. The draft design is appended to this report, and the council is invited to comment on it.
- Dutch Elm felling subsidy – the increased parish subsidy of 50% has been publicised and brought to the attention of the Tree Warden. There has been an enquiry from the Beachy Head office on behalf of the residents of two of their tenanted properties. ESCC still wishes to be involved in the felling process and is now offering a 10% subsidy after all, so the PC may want to review the level of its own contribution.

The following items are matters for report:

- Report of the External Auditor – PKF Littlejohn LLP have confirmed that the information in the parish council's Annual Return 2019 is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern. Accordingly they have signed off the audit and notices displaying the relevant Section 3 certificate are on display in the parish as required.
- Safety in Birling Gap Road – ESCC's Principal Traffic and Safety officer has agreed to commission investigative work for extra signage in the short stretch of the road on the blind bends to meet the parish's safety concerns. An enquiry has also been sent to Cuckmere Buses in case they are able to run a route down to the coast.
- Request bus stop at Downsview Lane – ESCC's Road Safety Team has advised that they would prefer a new stop to the east of the A259/Downsview Lane junction and think this may be feasible. The Road Safety Team has been asked to pursue this option.
- Squeeze gate – Stuart Walker has very kindly rebuilt the gate which is now stronger than before.
- Trumpet player for Remembrance Sunday – Trevor Peirce who is a cornet player with the Eastbourne Silver Band has kindly agreed to play this year.
- Car park lights – a report on the accident suffered by a resident who tripped on a kerb in the dark has been sent to WDC to help make the business case for low level lighting in the car park.
- Decommissioning of East Dean phone box – still no update.

- Standing Orders – SO3e has been amended as directed by the council of 4 July 2019 and the whole document is being reissued.
- Strimming of paths – the contractor had completed all paths on the schedule before the end of August. PH/PS are surveying conditions for bark spreading in the autumn
- Flooding at Friston Pond – PH has obtained a second estimate and the work on a new surface drain to replace the pipe which is vulnerable to blockages is being ordered
- Fallen tree at Friston Pond – PH will organise removal
- Replacement notice board in Downlands Way – updated costings have been obtained for boards of the same basic specification as those featured in the August council report, but coloured green and with a portrait rather than landscape profile to match other new noticeboards in the Downlands precinct. The boards will be ordered following a final check of the specification.
- Cricket Club 20/20 event – following a helpful meeting between representatives of the council and the club, suitable arrangements were made for hosting the event safely.
- Play area – the bolts need to be replaced on the basketball nets and Wicksteed be requested to undertake future inspections in place of RoSPA, who also need to be informed. Wicksteed also need to undertake some maintenance.
- Air pollution – a response has been sent to the resident who requested support for campaigning for a new anti-bonfire byelaw. The council's view is that there is already sufficient legislation in place – the difficulty is in enforcement.
- Numbering of new houses at the Fridays – the new signage and associated numbering are correct, and the resident who queried this has been notified.
- Responsibility for roads maintenance on Downlands Estate – the Hon. Solicitor has been requested to verify whether it is the Roads Company or the council that should maintain the stretch of road in the Downlands Way precinct.
- Memorial seats – it appears that currently there are no offers of new seats.

APPENDIX

Friston build-out – draft design

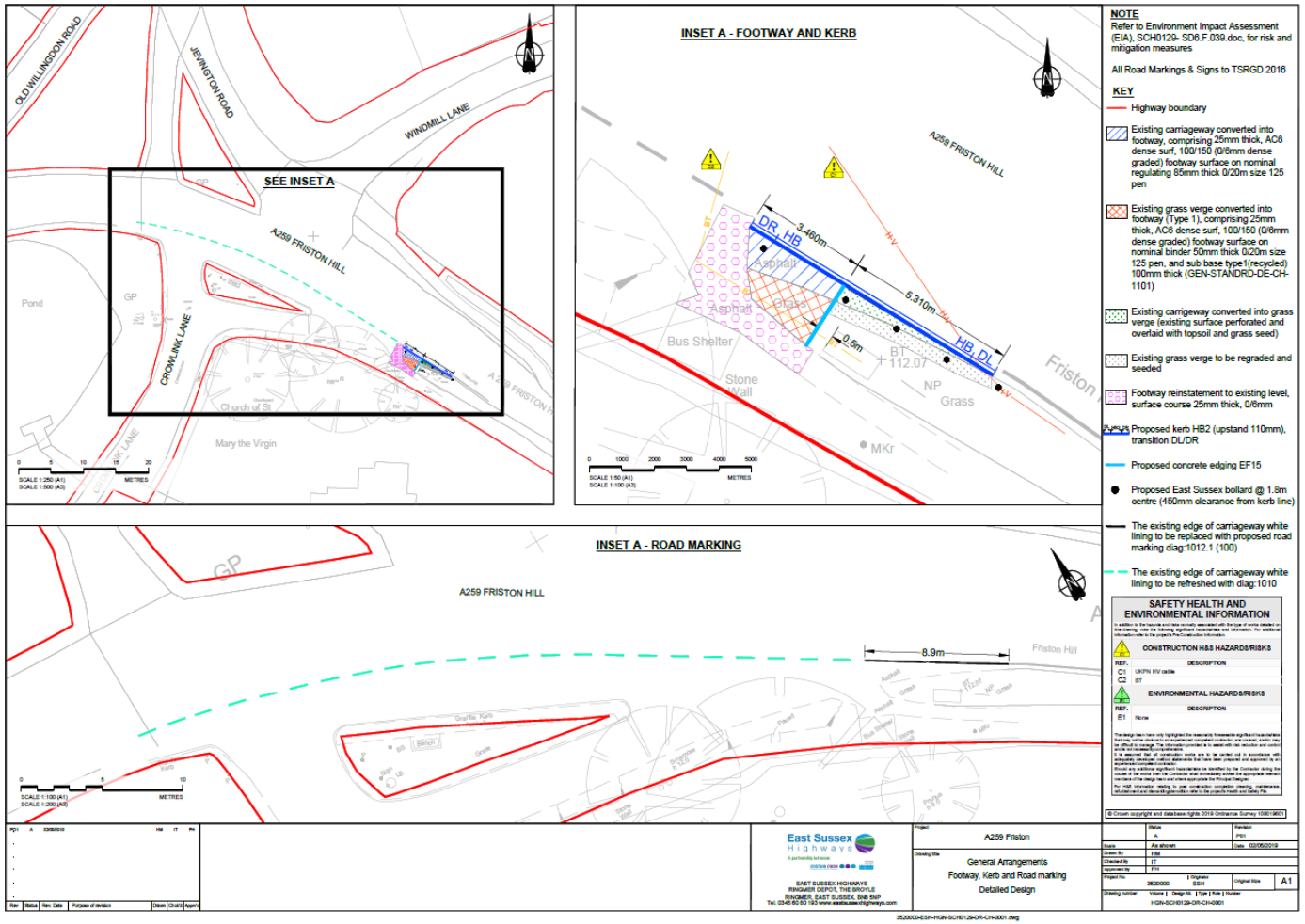
The current draft design for the proposed hard standing is shown on the attached drawing (see page 4).

ESCC have included a full height kerb across the interface between the carriageway and the footway (approximately 9 metres long) and provided approximately 16 sqm of new footway surfacing (some new and some on the existing footway), laid to suitable levels. Also shown are a number of bollards – these are proposed as the 'East Sussex' type (fabricated by Marshalls) and look similar to this…



The bollards are plastic coated steel. Our ones would have a white cap and banding to make them more noticeable whilst still in keeping with area.

Our next stage of the design process would be to send the drawing to the Statutory Consultees for comment; this would include the emergency services, the Traffic & Safety Team at East Sussex County Council, bus companies, etc. ESCC will hold back on this until the Parish Council have had a chance to properly reflect on the design and offer any comments they may have.


OLD WILLINGDON ROAD
JEVINGTON ROAD
WINDMILL LANE
SEE INSET A
A259 FRISTON HILL
CROWLINK LANE
Pond
GP
Church of St Mary the Virgin
INSET A - FOOTWAY AND KERB
DR, HB
3.460m
5.310m
HB, DL
0.5m
Asphalt
Grass
Bus Shelter
Stone Wall
BT
112.07
NP
MKr
Friston
INSET A - ROAD MARKING
8.9m
Friston Hill
NOTE
Refer to Environment Impact Assessment (EIA), SCH0129- SD6.F.039.doc, for risk and mitigation measures
All Road Markings & Signs to TSRGD 2016
KEY
Highway boundary
Existing carriageway converted into footway, comprising 25mm thick, AC6 dense surf, 100/150 (0/6mm dense graded) footway surface on nominal regulating 85mm thick 0/20m size 125 pen
Existing grass verge converted into footway (Type 1), comprising 25mm thick, AC6 dense surf, 100/150 (0/6mm dense graded) footway surface on nominal binder 50mm thick 0/20m size 125 pen, and sub base type1(recycled) 100mm thick (GEN-STANDRD-DE-CH-1101)
Existing carrigeway converted into grass verge (existing surface perforated and overlaid with topsoil and grass seed)
Existing grass verge to be regraded and seeded
Footway reinstatement to existing level, surface course 25mm thick, 0/6mm
Proposed kerb HB2 (upstand 110mm), transition DL/DR
Proposed concrete edging EF15
Proposed East Sussex bollard @ 1.8m centre (450mm clearance from kerb line)
The existing edge of carriageway white lining to be replaced with proposed road marking diag:1012.1 (100)
The existing edge of carriageway white lining to be refreshed with diag:1010
SAFETY HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
CONSTRUCTION H&S HAZARDS/RISKS
REF. DESCRIPTION
C1 UKPN HV cable
C2 BT
ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS/RISKS
REF. DESCRIPTION
E1 None
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General Arrangements
Footway, Kerb and Road marking
Detailed Design
Status A
Revision P01
Scale As shown
Date 03/05/2019
Drawn by HM
Checked by IT
Approved by PH
Project No. 3520000
Originator ESH
Original Size A1
Drawing number HGN-SCH0129-DR-CH-0001
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