East Dean & Friston Parish Council

Date:	**03 March 2022**
Title:	**Report Item 15 – Correspondence**
By:	**K Larkin (Parish Clerk)**
Purpose:	**To report on correspondence received since the council meeting on 03 February 2022**
Recommendations:	**To note the report**

Note: more items may be added to this schedule prior to the council meeting on 03 March 2022; a copy of the final version can be obtained by emailing the Clerk: clerk@edfparishcouncil.org.uk

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- **Closure of Jevington Road for renewal of gas main** – residents are extremely concerned at the proposed closure of the road to through traffic for 24 weeks. The utility company SGN does not propose to offer a traffic light solution with single passage, apparently because of cost. It is accepted that the work needs to be done, but the parish council is requested to put pressure on East Sussex Highways to require SGN to allow single file traffic at the appropriate work points, controlled by a traffic light system. Highways have requested feedback on the outline proposals which include the following closures: Phase 1 NSG 42702655/42702654 from Filching Close south to next NSG (approx. 1000m of main) outside property Ashleigh; Phase 2 NSG 42702690 from above to Green Lane (approx. 1160m); Phase 3 NSG 42702690 from above to Hunters Moon. East Sussex Highways has promised 'further engagement and coordination' but residents are concerned that key decisions have already been made without consultation.
- **Footpath 22 (Elven Lane to Downs View Lane)** – a tree has fallen on this path during recent storms and ESCC Rights of Way will remove the obstruction.
- **Request to put a textile bank on council owned land** – this request has come from Astra Recycling, saying that they support a children's Cancer Charity. However, a similar request has previously been refused on the basis that there is no land the council can offer apart from the Downlands Way precinct, where there is already limited space, heavily used.
- **Use of recreation ground by dog walking business** – a complaint has been received from a resident that this is causing a problem. Wealden District Council does have a Fouling of Land by Dogs Order (2013) which applies to recreation grounds and can be enforced by them with a fixed penalty if sufficient evidence is

available (this can be hard to achieve and residents should not compromise their own safety). There is currently a campaign in The Argus to have dog walking businesses licenced and limited to no more than four dogs per walker, as such problems have increased considerably following the lockdowns, working from home, and returning to the office.