East Dean & Friston Parish Council

Date: **03 November 2022**
Title: **Report Item 7 – Business in Progress**

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

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

Recommendations: **a) To note the report**
b) To approve a rolling hire agreement for the use of the pavilion by the Cricket Club

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The following is a matter for decision:

- **Rolling hire agreement –** the Cricket Club have requested that their annual Hire Agreement for use of the pavilion be extended in support of their application for a grant from the England Cricket Board to install rainwater harvesting for the wicket.

The following are matters for report:

- **Budget for wine for the village Christmas lunch 2022** – a sum of £100 has already been budgeted for this item in 2022/23 as a Chair's expense.
- **Planning Enforcement** – the Hon Solicitor has been asked to advise whether it would be worthwhile for the council to obtain specialist legal advice on planning enforcement. He has responded and his advice has been copied to councillors in full. Some further research is required including contact with other public bodies before a decision is made.
- **East Sussex Association of Local Councils** – ESALC has been informed that EDFPC's two voting representatives at the forthcoming ESALC AGM will be the Chair and Vice Chair of the parish council
- **Hire of recreation ground and pavilion by The Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company** – the company has been told that the council has approved in principle their hire on Wednesday 5th July 2023 on terms and conditions as before
- **Beachy Head Woman** – the plaque has been removed as the information on it is no longer thought to be correct
- **Village sign –** a handsome crown finial has been designed and forged by Mr Godwin the blacksmith, and has been gifted to the parish council at no cost for either materials or labour. A photo of the finial is attached to the report.
- **Parish council grant scheme –** a circular has been sent to all village organisations notifying them that the deadline for applications has been extended to 15th November 2022.
- **Rewilding the Greensward –** the Company has been notified that the council has agreed to pay £600 for this project
- **Rainwater harvesting at the recreation ground –** the Cricket Club's application for a grant from the England Cricket Board has been submitted with support from the parish council,

and an enquiry has been sent to the South Downs National Park Authority as to whether planning permission will be required for this project.

- **Civility and Respect Pledge –** the pledge made by the council at its meeting on 6th October 2022 has been formally registered with NALC, and the Dignity at Work policy has been published on the council website. The pledge certificate now needs to be signed by the Chair.
- **Resilience and Emergency Plans –** ESALC has been notified that the parish council would like to take the advice of the Emergency Plan Project Manager. The manager has made contact and is gathering preliminary information about the size of the parish.
- **Grass Cutting Service 2023 –** the parish council has confirmed to East Sussex County Council that it has chosen to self-deliver all urban grass cutting in 2023 on the current terms and conditions
- **Dates of Annual Meetings in 2023 –** the main hall and small hall have both been booked for the Annual Village Meeting to be held on Friday 21 April 2023. The Annual Parish Council Meeting and the ordinary May council meeting will both be held on Thursday 18 May 2023.
- **Notice Board in the village car park –** this has now been made safe
- **Tidying the tennis court and play area –** the council's mowing contractor has been asked to quote for this additional work

THE CROWN FINIAL FOR THE NEW VILLAGE SIGN

Designed and forged by Alan Godwin

