Clerk report November 2021 Full Council

The David Bysouth bench has finally been installed and all Members have been sent pictures. I will be invoicing Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council for their contribution shortly.

The member of public who is donating a bench to the PC dedicated to Mr Knibb has confirmed the bench will be arriving in the next few weeks.

The finger post repairs have now been completed for posts A, B and C (please see attached pictures) The Clerk has contacted the contractor with one spelling mistake on post B which needs correcting.

I am still waiting for confirmation that the repair works to Post G have been completed.

Once the invoices have been paid I can invoice East Sussex for the agreed match funding.

The Rudes booking has been confirmed for the 10th July.

I have received the following correspondence from Wealden regarding the ACV on the Horse & Groom pub:

Further to correspondence dated 23rd April 2021. I write to confirm that the full moratorium imposed upon the disposal of the above ACV site has expired, and that Shepherd Neame as owners of the site are at liberty to sell the site on the open market within the protected period which would last until 12th September 2022.

Cllr's Long, Smythe, Williamson and Graham attended the SLR meeting. Unfortunately, Ian Johnson, Traffic and Safety was unable to attend due to sickness and I am in the process of arranging a site visit with him. I emailed the minutes to Full Council, Ruby Brittle and Corinne Black on the 31.10.2021. The SLR will be discussed at the Environment Committee meeting on the 25th November. Please report any highways issues directly to myself and I will report them directly to East Sussex.

ESCC have confirmed the following:

The blocked drains at the BSG triangle have been cleared.

The Steward also noted the verge outside Teckel Cottage and a shallow ditch outside Sunnyview had become slightly overgrown. Highways aim to return within 28 days of the inspection to dig these out to ensure they are clear and able to take away any surface water.

The drains are due to be cleared again in May 2022.

Ruby Brittle is keeping in regular contact and is providing updates.

I am still in the process of organising the two traffic surveys agreed at the October Full Council meeting.

The bank mandate form confirming Cllr Smythe's signature was returned on the 28.10.21. However, I have been informed I will need to supply an additional letter which will be completed shortly.

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates was emailed to each village hall on the 28.10.21. I am finalising a few changes.

I have not yet had time to look at the old Council laptop for missing papers but I will keep Members informed when this work has been completed.

ESCC Bob Bowdler has posed the question: Does the council have designated ward councillors to represent the needs of Punnetts Town, Three Cups and Cowbeech, as it strikes me that the council appears to be quite Rushlake Green and Bodle Street centric?