

AGENDA DOCUMENTATION – FEBRUARY 2022 FULL COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8 – NEW COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

There have been no applicants for the two councillor vacancies. The co-option advert was advertised on the Parish Council's website, on the notice boards, in the window of the Rushlake Green Village shop, displayed inside the village halls, at the Punnetts Town doctors' surgery and village hall, primary school and community Facebook page. I also requested that it was posted on the Village Leaf Facebook page.

If any councillors have new ideas of where I can post the next co-option advert please let me know.

The closing date on the co-option advert was Thursday 10th February which had allowed parishioners nearly a month to apply.

The dates of the next two Full Council meetings are:

Thursday 17th March and Thursday 19th May

The Council will need to decide how long they would like to advertise the vacancies for the second time and which meeting they would like the potential co-options to take place.

I would be not be able to distribute the co-option advert to Punnetts Town until the week commencing 21st February.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY UPDATE

The Annual Parish Assembly must be called by the Chairman and it must be held between the 1st March and the 1st June.

There is no prescribed format for this meeting and its recommendations are not binding.

Proceedings must not begin before 6pm.

The APA has been booked for Tuesday 24th May at the Dunn Village Hall at 6.30pm. The hall is booked from 5pm.

The idea of holding the meeting towards the end of the available window is to allow for the relaxation of Covid restrictions which would hopefully encourage as many parishioners to attend as possible. It will also allow plenty of time to organise guest speakers.

If any councillors have ideas for guest speakers please let myself or Andy know.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – TREE PLANTING

Please see the separate circulated report.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – BIG LUNCH GRANT APPLICATION

Please see separately circulated grant application. This document is not on the website for GDPR reasons.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – LAND REGISTRY TITLE DEADS

The Parish Council received the Completion of Registration document from the Land Registry on the 17th September 2014. This relates to Title number ESX359233 Land at Rushlake Green, Heathfield.

Under B: Proprietorship register, Title absolute, the previous Clerk's address is listed.

This document is not available on the website for GDPR reasons but I will bring the document to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – FINGER POST REPAIR QUOTE

Just before Christmas it was reported by Douglas Andrews (finger post repair contractor) and several councillors that Finger post A – Kingsley Hill/Chapmans Town Road which was repaired by the Parish Council late last year was hit by a car.

Please refer to the photos taken by Cllr Smythe showing the damage circulated separately.

The Parish Council used CIL funds to pay for renovation works for Finger post A which totalled £976.40.

Douglas Andrews new quote is as follows:

Re quote to reinstate Finger post at the top of Kingsley Hill: -

Pull out post dig out hole and ram post in tight with type one road stone if needed and catch-up paint as necessary £86.00 + Vat at the prevailing rate.

All being well with the above I look forward to your further instructions.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – TIME CAPSULE

The idea of the Parish Council installing a time capsule to celebrate the Queens Jubilee was suggested during discussions at the January Full Council meeting.

The Council will need to discuss if they would like to take this item forward and how this item would be financed.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – THE THREE CUPS INN UPDATE

The Chairman brought to my attention a Facebook post on the Punnetts Town Watch which was encouraging the local community to email Historic England requesting The Three Cups Inn should be listed in order to save the building itself from falling down and from the threat of development.

A letter was attached to the post which stated Historic England were preparing an initial report which would be submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration to have The Three Cups listed as a building of historical and architectural importance. The letter also stated the owners of the pub were refusing access to the building. The letter urged anyone with local knowledge of its age and architectural features to email Sebastian.fry@historicengland.org.uk quoting reference 1473335.

I have spoken to Sebastian directly and all these details are correct.

The listing application has been made by a member of the public and he reported he has already received approximately 30 letters from local residents in support of the application.

Historic England had tried to contact the owner of the pub by telephone, email and letter over a long period of time with no response received.

Warbleton Parish Council would be welcome to add comments to the consultation, the **deadline is Thursday 24th February**.

The only factors that Historic England can take into account when making the decision to list the property or not is the architectural and historical value of the property. **At the moment they only have photos to use to make this decision.**

If the building obtains a Listed Status the local authority could action a **compulsory purchase order** on the building. Also, a Listed status would greatly **protect the building from demolition** and any **planning application would need listed building consent**.

Please read the email which I forwarded from Historic England.

At the Parish Council meeting in October 2021 ESCC Bob Bowdler reported the owner of the property had not yet made any decisions as to what his intentions were. I have chased him for an update.

WDC had confirmed surveyors had been to the site to assess the public safety and were content the building was not a danger to the public.

I have also chased WDC regarding the empty dwelling management order which the Chairman had requested further information on.