

CLERK REPORT MAY 2022

April and May have been very busy months with the Year End and visit from the Internal Auditor. I am looking forward to getting up-to-date with my minutes and moving projects along now.

Regarding the White Horse Inn. Over the last few days, the owner has confirmed that the leaseholder has now surrendered the lease and all occupants have left the White Horse Inn and keys have been returned. It remains the owner's intention to reopen as a pub but no timescales have been given.

With regards to the chimney pot, reports have been received that someone was taking photographs in the last week, but it is not clear if this is the Wealden DC. I have contacted Wealden DC again to report the dangerous situation. It has been clarified that it is the tenant who is "responsible" for any repair to the chimney pot and a letter has been sent c/o The White Horse Inn requesting action"

Martyn Green of Great Crouches Farm in Rushlake Green has once again organised a number of parishioners to pick up litter on the approaches to and within the village as part of the Wealden wide initiative. They collected a very large amount of litter. I shall thank him on behalf of the parish council.

I have received a few emails from residents with their accounts of how the storm affected their daily lives. This information will be used when formulating a draft emergency plan.

Unfortunately, Cllrs Mike Smythe, Celia Davies and Karen Cook have all resigned from the council for different reasons. I would like to thank them for all their hard work as Councillors for the Warbleton Parish. The Notice of Vacancies have been posted on the PC's notice boards on the 19th May. If WDC have not received ten requests for the vacancy to be filled by election by the 10th June, the PC can begin the co-option process. WDC have confirmed the co-option advertisement can be a rolling date.

The community speed watch gun remains at Mr Smythe's property.

Mr Smythe has returned his Barclay account card and reader but I still need to remove him from the mandate.

The CAB have thanked the PC for their grant. A letter was sent expressing the PC's wish for them to return to face-to-face meetings as soon as possible.

An SLR meeting has been held, I will circulate the minutes shortly.

Cllr Iremonger and Graham both attended the WDALC meeting on the 6th April.

There is Focus Group meeting on Monday 30th May on zoom. Please let me know if you are interested in attending on behalf of the council.

An asset register check had now been completed. Cllr Long, Wells, Thompson and the Clerk were in attendance.

The finger posts in the parish will need to be reviewed shortly. Please let me know if you would be interested in volunteering.

A CSAG meeting was held last week, this is the first one that the PC has missed since Mr Smythe's resignation.

The notice board attached to the wall at Beestons farm has now been removed.

I will be investigating the possibility of a monthly standing order payment for payroll.

I am attending a free webinar on agendas and minutes this Friday.