

## **AGENDA ITEMS 12 – 15**

### **12. TO AGREE THE CILL RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION A TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR RUSHLAKE GREEN**

Cllr Smythe's previously written report which also features on the upcoming SLR agenda:

Over the last 10 years the traffic flow through the parish in general and Rushlake Green in particular has markedly increased in terms of volume, speed and weight of vehicles.

At the same time, there has been an increase in the numbers of walkers, cyclists and horse riders, particularly during the pandemic period.

Rushlake Green has limited footpaths and no street lighting making the roads even more perilous during the hours of darkness.

For the last 3 years including Covid stoppages, the Rushlake Green Speedwatch Group has been attempting to educate drivers to adhere to the 30mph speed limit. During that time, from 2 x 1 hour daylight sessions per week, some 9,000 vehicles have been recorded speeding which indicates a potential total of c400,000 speeding vehicles during daylight over 3 years. A high proportion are at over 40mph and a significant number over 50 mph.

These statistics indicate that we have a traffic problem and the police agree, as evidenced by the extra police presence in the village.

It would appear that extra speed calming measures are required, and some signage needs relocating.

However, whenever Cllr Smythe has approached the Police for help and funding, he has been directed to Highways with the suggestion that we need to formally quantify the traffic flow before any action is taken.

A 7-day traffic survey has been agreed at the CIL committee, it should be noted the request for a traffic survey was the 4th top suggestion in the recent parish survey for CIL funding.

The cost of a temporary 7-day speed and volume survey would be £410+VAT. The equipment used would be attached to a piece of street furniture and would record vehicle numbers in both directions and the speeds they are travelling. The equipment would also record vehicle lengths, not weight. Vehicle lengths would give you a good idea of the type of vehicle.

East Sussex do have a network of permanent traffic counters and there may be a permanent counter on the stretch of road we are interested in. Some of these counters also record classification data.

Currently the Parish Council has approximately £1,800 of CIL funds to be spent before October 2022 and a total balance of £10,900 plus the recent CIL payment of £19,191.51.

### **13. TO CONSIDER COMMISSIONING A TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR BODLE STREET GREEN**

This item has gone straight to Full Council as there will not be another CIL meeting until February 2022.

Previously a Speedwatch group had been set up in Bodle Street Green but due to lack of members had to stop.

Cllr Iremonger has reported speeding vehicles in the village on numerous occasions in recent months and the CIL Committee acknowledged the community survey's top forth suggestion of speed surveys was not specifically related to Rushlake Green. The committee felt it was important to note CIL spend is for the local community as a whole and not just for specific areas and it was AGREED a speed survey in Bodle Street Green should also be considered by the PC.

### **14. TO AGREE THE RUDE MECHANICAL THEATRE CO BOOKING FOR THE RUSHLAKE GREEN VILLAGE GREEN – To agree the booking in principle.**

I have received the following email from Pete Talbot from the Rudes:

Now our very successful tour of 'Little Lily Harley is over we are looking forward to bringing you a new play in 2022. It will be called 'Gods and Dogs' and we would like to bring it to you if you would like us to.

This comic dystopian allegory is set in 2084 on the fictitious island of Abatina based loosely on Monaco in a world where people are either glamorous celebrities or slobbering followers of them gripped to their telepafones – except, that is, the Nevnops, as Big AI, the all-seeing all hearing President, calls them, that is, 'Not Very Nice People', who choose to pursue their own thoughts on the matter. The story follows Tina who enters 'Marriage Maker'! The idea of the game is if you win you get to marry the super-glamorous footballer, Harry Best, on the Saturday, have a weekend of love, then divorce him on the Monday. Unfortunately, Tina makes the mistake of falling in love when she wins and doesn't want to divorce. Doreen, her best friend, has her own opinion, but then she might be a Nevnop and the Mind Police might get to her first and send her to the wolves on the 'Other Side'.

If you would like us to come, the date we have in mind is Friday 29th July. Let us know as soon as you can whether it suits you or not. We cannot guarantee to give you the date you would like but will do our best.

**One final thing, please don't give away the story in print or on social media until we announce it in the new year. Keep it to yourselves**

Unfortunately, the date which the Rudes have suggested is the day before the The Warbleton & District Horticultural & Poultry Society summer show on the 30<sup>th</sup> July. I have spoken to Jill Snook and practically that date would not work as their marquee will be up by then.

Mr Talbot is now away on holiday so cannot provide an alternative date before the meeting but he would very much like the PC to agree use of The Green in principle and a date can be agreed with the Clerk on his return.

### **15 3 CUPS PUB UPDATE**

This item was on the agenda at the request of the Chairman. I have emailed Stacey Robins at Wealden and requested information on the following:

The Parish Council has serious concerns regarding the current safety of the structure of the 3 Cup pub as well as needing clarification the site will not be under threat of future housing developments.

Would an empty dwelling management order be relevant to the Parish Council going forward?

Who is responsible for making the building safe? And who is responsible for ensuring this action has been carried out?

I have not received a response so far but ESCC Bob Bowdler has passed on the following information:

The latest information I have is 1 week old, and I have no reason to believe there has been any change since then:

“The original owner, the owner at the time of the application for domestic units on the land to the rear, remains the legal owner of the property and states that he has not yet made any decision on his future intentions for the property or the land.”

However, as far as I am concerned, as a previous ‘structural surveyor’, I do not believe the property can now be salvaged as the deterioration is too great and has become structurally unsound.