

## Clerk Report - December 2022

It has been a busy period catching up with draft minutes, chasing quotes for the Osborne House car park and the parish council mowing tender. The F&GP Committee also held their budget meeting. I would like to thank Cllr Williamson for the many hours he has spent preparing the budget for next year with many difficult decisions to make.

Unfortunately, PCSO Cathy Gilling is on leave and will not be attending the Full Council meeting. However, she has reported the following:

I have reviewed the reported incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

There was only one report of note, which was on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. A member of the public described 2 Asian males who got out of a blue Vauxhall car and tried to flag them down as they were driving past Warbleton church. The driver did not stop as the act was viewed as suspicious and reported to police. No index of the vehicle was given.

It has now been confirmed that Warbleton Parish Council's appointed auditor will be PKF Littlejohn LLP from 2022-23 to 2026-27.

The grant payment for Warbleton PCC which was approved at the September Full Council was made in October once the relevant invoices had been received and confirmed by the Chairman of F&GP.

I have only recently received confirmation that the church would like us to arrange quotes for the defibrillator signage. Nigel Mckeeman has already done the artwork. I will start this process next week.

The list of proposed booking dates for both village halls have been emailed to both. Any Tuesday bookings for the DVH have been amended to 19.00 instead of 18.30. This is because the chess club are booked in until 18.45 and there needs to be a period allocated to the changeover.

The Osborne House clock service is being arranged for either Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Twaites & Reed will be contacting Brian Bishop directly for final confirmation times. I have received an email from a member of the public corresponding on behalf of the Warbleton & Ruslake Green Bonfire Society. The society has recently been able to reinstate its popular monthly quiz night at the local Horse & Groom pub. However, because the society is not currently active in terms of organising annual firework displays, it has decided to donate any proceeds from the quiz nights to local good causes/charities. The latest quiz raised £118 they would like to donate this sum to the repair/maintenance of the Ruslake Green village clock. Cllr Long has received the donation.

I am still awaiting a date for Agrifactors to complete the agreed works to the village sign.

The two new benches for Rushlake Green have been ordered and the expected delivery date is the 27<sup>th</sup> February at a total cost of £1,940.40 including delivery. The cost will be deducted from CIL funds.

ESCC have confirmed receipt of our urban grass cutting options for 2023.

I have attended a face-to-face clerk meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. There was a speaker from WDC clarifying the election process and another speaker discussing grant funding. When voting in the next elections all voters will need to bring with them photo ID in the form of a driving licence or passport. If you are not in possession of either of these you will need to apply to Wealden for verification. I will provide details of this process nearer the time. Please let me know if you have made a decision regarding standing for election next year.