

Correspondence Report up to 04/04/19

- 1. Update from PCSO** – The Clerk met with the PCSO who has raised a concern about a suspicious man within the village but may also be in the wider Parish and has been seen in Etchingam and Ticehurst. This has been reported on the community Facebook page but we have been asked to alert as many people as possible. He is in his late forties, usually in dark clothing wearing a suit jacket recently taken to wearing a dark coloured trilby and his manner is overly friendly. It has also been reported that he has been threatening and aggressive to one resident in particular and seen taking photos of properties within the area. If people see this man and note any suspicious behaviour please email Sussex Police on 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk. If they are approached and become alarmed by his behaviour please call 999. Please notify anyone who may live in the village as he has been seen approaching some parents and older ladies on their own at their homes for garden work or sharpening tools.
- 2. Footpath 24c** – It was brought to the attention of the Planning Committee that people using this footpath were being told it was no longer in use. Councillors were investigating the complaint.
- 3. Complaints about the surface of the car park** – The Clerk first made enquiries on the 10/03/19 about the condition of the road. It is tabled as an agenda item to discuss how to proceed.
- 4. Grit Bin at Highfields** – The Council was contacted by a resident asking if a grit bin could be installed at the entrance of Highfields. The Clerk has contacted Optivo who have confirmed they no longer install grit bins but would be happy for the Parish Council to have one put in at Highfields. The Clerk is waiting to hear if the Parish Council installs new bins will East Sussex County Council fill them with grit.
Action required: Do Councillors wish the Clerk to have a grit bin installed on this site and identify the funds for this.
- 5. Urban Cuts** – The Clerk met with the new contractor who will start the cuts early April once ESCC has notified the Clerk work can start.
- 6. Condition of A264 by Burwash Common.** Numerous residents have complained about the condition of the road at Burwash Common. The Outsiders have written and Karl Taylor who has replied:

“regrettably we do not have any plans to resurface it in our 2019/20 programme as our funds have been fully allocated. We will add it to our list for future years. In the meantime I have asked the local Highway Steward to take a look and to arrange for any potholes, that trigger our intervention criteria, to be repaired.”

Action required: Do Councillors wish to write to ESCC on this matter.

- 7. An email received regarding WW2 items** –

“My Mother was stationed at a farm in Burwash for the duration of WW2. A photograph depicting the view from Orchards Farm 1943, Battle, has come to light with her LA uniform. There are also 7 copies of the Land Girl magazine, a signed Certificate from

Queen Elizabeth, her LA Identity Card and a book entitled The Women's Land Army by Vita Sackville-West, pub. 1944.

My Sister and I would like to think that these items could be placed in an environment where those interested in all matters WW2 could access them. I would be grateful for any guidance you can offer us."

Action required: Can Councillors suggest somewhere for the items to be displayed