

# ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Alfriston War Memorial Hall

Old School House

The Tye, Alfriston, BN26 5TL

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## **Draft Minutes of a meeting of Alfriston Parish Council (APC), held in the Alfriston War Memorial Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.15pm**

### **Present:**

Cllr D Monteath-Wilson (Chair) Cllr N Parkinson

Cllr S Daw Cllr S Rabagliati

Cllr A Harris

### **In attendance:**

Mrs Suzanna Dry – Parish Clerk & RFO

There were approximately 7 members of the public present.

### **37. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **38. Public Questions**

Amanda Sutherland raised the problem experienced today with diversion signage through The Furlongs due to the road being blocked. The school was shut today, when it re-opens tomorrow it will be chaos. Amanda Sutherland contacted Highways, she was directed to UK Power Networks, Wealden and then back to Highways. Cllr Rabagliati will address this issue directly under Highways in agenda item 50.

### **39. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Watkins and Cllr Spring.

### **40. Update from Maria Caulfield**

No update was received from Maria Caulfield MP this month.

### **41. Update from Cllr Stephen Shing – East Sussex County Council (ESCC)**

Cllr Shing presented his report to the meeting, a copy is attached to the minutes ([Appendix A](#)). Cllr Shing commented on the road closure in Alfriston, it is correct that Highways sign-post enquiries about road closures to the service that requested the road closure, in this case UK Power Networks.

### **42. Update from Cllr Greaves – Wealden District Council (WDC)**

Cllr Greaves presented his report to the meeting. A copy is attached to the minutes ([Appendix B](#)). Cllr Daw queried that Wealden were able to use CIL money for maintenance rather than new infrastructure, Cllr Greaves agreed this was unusual and will look into it and report back.

#### **43. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Daw declared an interest as she is a Churchwarden, member of the Patient Participation Group, trustee of Children with Cancer and a trustee of the Womens Institute. Cllr Parkinson declared an interest in the Dene Car Park, Allotments and is a member of the Brighton Music Festival. Cllr Harris is a trustee of the Manifold Trust and honorary treasurer of Charities Property Association. Cllr Rabagliati has an interest in the Dene Car Park and is a business owner in the high street.

#### **44. Minutes**

Cllr Daw proposed and Cllr Harris seconded a motion that the unadopted minutes of the APC meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, were a true and accurate record. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chair duly sign the minutes as an accurate record.

#### **45. Finance**

To approve the statement of finance for June 2024 (as attached with the Agenda). It was unanimously **AGREED** that the statement of finance for May 2024 be approved.

The Clerk gave an a brief update on the APC Finance meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, minutes of the meeting are now available on the website and noticeboard and have been sent out to the e-mail listing.

#### **46. Tree Survey**

The Clerk advised Councillors that in order to carry out our duty of care to the public and show due diligence, APC should carry out an annual tree survey, where all trees are catalogued and maintenance requirements recorded. Cllr Daw proposed and Cllr Parkinson seconded a motion to accept a quote from the Tree Warden for a tree survey to be carried out. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be asked to accept the quote in the sum of £420.00. The cost will come out of the village amenity budget line. **Action 1.**

#### **47. Village Clock**

APC have now received a quote from UK Power Networks to disconnect the meter previously used to power the village clock, in the sum of £455.00 plus vat. Cllr Rabagliati proposed and Cllr Harris seconded a motion to accept the quote. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to make payment of £455.00 plus vat to disconnect the meter. ([Appendix C](#)).

The Chair thanked Mr Nick White and Mr Will Emmett of Cross House, who agreed for the clock to be powered through their supply at no charge to APC. The Clerk was asked to write and thank them. **Action 2.**

#### **48. D Day Celebrations 6<sup>th</sup> June – Update**

The Chair thanked everyone involved, particularly the W.I. for providing refreshments and Cllr Daw who organised the event. A thank you e-mail was received from the Deputy Lieutenant and is attached – [Appendix D](#). Cllr Daw gave the following report: What a wonderful day even the weather was good, thank to our deputy Lord Lieutenant who did an amazing job, to AWMH for giving us free use of the hall, Gerry & Wendy for their support especially Gerry for his health & safety report also being our first aider person on site, Raymond & Sandy Naqvi for all the protocol advice this was such an important part of the day, for being in attendance for the duration of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant stay and the wonderful information board in church, Suzanna & Diana your steadfast help with insurance issues and so much more Diana you were part of a wonderful escort. The hard working WI marvellous job it was a constant time of tea making topping up the buffet table and having some fun along with the many helpers on the day and people who made such wonderful sandwiches & cakes. On the Tye we had our lovely Land Army girls the Tanks, Jeeps & so much more

and all gave their time free along with Phil the accordion player. The Clergy House display was amazing, Margret Platt for help and guidance for the flowers in the church and Guy Bedfows who on a wet and windy evening helped put up the bunting through the High Street, then my husband Chris thank you and also thank you to you for coming, it was a wonderful day a true village day and without you it wouldn't have been the wonderful day it was.

#### **49. Coffeehouse Conversation**

The Chair mentioned how successful these meetings have been they are much appreciated by villagers and thanked Cllr Parkinson for setting this initiative up. The last one was held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June on Highways & Twittens and was presented by Cllr Rabagliati & Cllr Parkinson.

Cllr Rabagliati thanked Cllr Parkinson and the barrista team for their help at this event and commented as follows: The event was well attended with 20 or so villagers present. We started with a review of historical attempts to resolve the traffic issues which led to an update of the ESCC plan. From the discussion I noted the following points to follow up:

- Will the gateway sign be able to reference the twinning with Veule-Les-Roses? - contact ESH to establish
- Can we improve pedestrian crossing signage at Willows car park entrance?
- Overgrown bushes on some pavements and weeds in the Twittens and pavements. I will compile a list of locations needing attention. Where it is a householder's responsibility we should ask the clerk to contact the property owner, but failing that we propose that a team of village volunteers to organise work parties to weed and cut back.
- A message to be put on the Alfriston Hub requesting volunteers
- I will contact the Highways steward about overgrown footpaths that are the responsibility of ESH
- We should provide Wealden with feedback on the increased parking infractions after the increased car park fees. Could we make a 'freedom of information' request to establish how many permits and reserved spaces have been issued last year and this.
- We should encourage residents to write to Wealden to request de-criminalisation of parking enforcement.

It was **AGREED** initially to simply request the information on permits and reserved spaces from Wealden, as above. Cllr Rabagliati to write to Wealden. **Action 3.**

Cllr Shing (ESCC) was present at the coffeehouse meeting and commented that Wealden are re-looking at this. It would therefore be helpful if members of the public logged their views on the Wealden District Council website.

The Clerk was asked to send an e-mail out to residents asking that if they feel strongly about parking enforcement to log this on the Wealden District Council website, with a link to the relevant site. **Action 4.** Cllr Rabagliati will provide the Clerk with the correct link.

#### **50. Report on Highways & Twittens – Cllr Rabagliati**

##### **Highways update**

1. Councillor Parkinson and I attended a meeting at County Hall in Lewes this month where we met the project management team from East Sussex Highways and we were provided with an update on the planning progress of the Traffic Management Plan. We were advised that planning and auditing are expected to complete in November and that installation is expected to be in January or February. The proposed scheme includes:
  - Improved signage on the at Drusilla's roundabout

- 20 mph limit throughout the village with a peripheral 30mph buffer zone at each end of the village. The usual red road colouring at the buffer location has been challenged by SDNP, however, ESCC are pressing for this, maybe in a buff colour. I believe that APC should add its support for this feature. – ESCC have now been given the go-ahead in buff colour.
  - Buildouts and gateways at each end of the village. The gateways are to be funded by APC and, within limits, we can pick our design. There are constraints regarding wording and symbols that may be used. I am seeking further details and estimated costs and will report back at the next APC meeting. APC have earmarked reserves for this cost. The build-out features are being scrutinised further as there is a concern that in times of flood, these may represent an unacceptable safety hazard.
  - The old village sign at the north of the village does not conform to standards and will be replaced and incorporated, we believe, in the gateway.
  - Double yellow lines along the High Street between Star Lane and Rope Walk Twitten
2. This week's road works by UK Power Networks. When we first received notice about this, I wrote to ESH about the proposed diversion route along The Furlongs which had been planned for the planned road closure at the bottom of Weaver's Lane. I was advised that the diversion would be extended to a one-way system using The Broadway and The Furlongs. The diversion was implemented today, but with woefully inadequate signage, and drivers have been clashing in The Furlongs as a result, with other issues in West Street. I have been in contact with East Sussex Highways and the Highways Steward today, and we have been advised that the signage is to be corrected urgently. I will monitor the situation and will report back. I asked the workmen when they expect to finish the works and, all being well, this could be complete on Wednesday, although the closure license runs to Friday. Cllr Rabagliati has had confirmation today that UK Power Networks have been instructed to increase the signage.
  3. Emergency Traffic Management Plan for flooding. Discussions continue with AEG and East Sussex Highways about the design of an appropriate plan for diversion routes when we have flooding.

Cllr Parkinson re-iterated that APC have long lobbied for appropriate signage before arriving in the village and expressed his concern that ESCC seem to want simple signs and a reduced number of signs. Cllr Rabagliati commented that there will be further dialogue with ESCC and he will push for this. Cllr Parkinson and the Chair thanked Cllr Rabagliati for all his efforts.

#### **51. Report on Allotments and Recreation Ground - Cllr Daw**

This is a 1 year plan for the allotments, my first job was finance how much money was coming in and going out, we do not expect to make money this is a sustainable community project BUT when the Clerk looked into the cost of the bins strimming and water it was clear that we needed to budget accordingly, the bins have been misused used by people dumping their non allotment rubbish so another reason why they should go. I have looked at other allotments and they do not have bins some do not have water but we will continue with the hope that holders will use the water wisely the meter is now monitored every month. Strimming has now stopped holders are responsible for their pathways, I now have the names and contact details for all holders and hopefully will make contact with you all. I've had an e mail re a poly tunnel I will ask fellow councillors and also about a green house. There are certain areas that I've been asked if they can be left wild, the first is through the large gate and on your left there are nesting birds hedgehogs and blackberries, if fellow councillors are agreeable we could put a sign up. Also the allotment by the doctors gate has had problems with children so it has been suggested that a bench could be put there for people to sit and wait. Cllr Daw to look into this further. **Action 5.**

Cllrs stood by their previous decision not to allow poly tunnels on the allotments, for environmental reasons.

Wild area – Cllrs **AGREED** unanimously to allow a wild area, and for this to be roped off. Cllr Daw to organise. **Action 6.**

#### Playground

The Clerk has advised that a weekly report should be carried out on the playground, as stated in the yearly ROSPA report. Cllr Daw will carry this out and give weekly reports to the Clerk for record. **Action 7.**

#### Recreation Ground

There has been an increase in dog owners not clearing up after their dogs so I have now installed 3 places where you can find poo bags, please clean up after your dog the recreation ground is a family area it's unacceptable that children are subject to this. The Chair asked Cllr Daw to put a notice out on Cuckmere News. **Action 8.** On Sunday June 9th was Presidents day a late lunch and a very entertaining cricket match was enjoyed on a lovely sunny day England at its best.

#### **52. Report on Public Transport – Cllr Harris**

Nothing to report.

#### **53. Report on Environment and Countryside– Cllr Harris.**

Cllr Harris' report on the virtual meeting with Maria Caulfield MP on flooding, was attached to the agenda (Appendix D). Cllr Harris gave his apologies to AEG for omitting to put AEG on the list of attendees at the virtual meeting with Maria Caulfield, and AEG's offer to help E.A. with works, including sluice gates. The Chair asked if farmers consulted the E.A. together would they be able to do some of the work. Cllr Harris said in theory yes, but the caveat being they would still have to get the relevant licences from the E.A.

Environment - I have taken on this new portfolio, which will include the areas for which I seem to be responsible – the Cuckmere and flooding – in itself an area not specifically covered previously, Public Rights of Way and Public Transport. To my mind, the need for an Environment portfolio springs from the increase in the frequency of flooding incidents, and consequently, the effect of Climate Change.

I have just spoken about the minimal approach, for whatever reason, that the Environment Agency is taking to control of the Cuckmere, which means that somehow we – and by that I do not necessarily mean the Parish Council working alone – have to raise the profile of the problem that flooding causes to the community. How, by whom, and with whom are subjects for further discussion.

However, there is a first step that can be taken. Again as I have mentioned at previous meetings, I record daily weather readings, and have records going back 20 years, and monthly rainfall records for the last 50 years. These I feel should be a public record, and I would bow to those with greater IT skills than mine, to advise how this could be achieved. Perhaps a section on the Alfriston Parish Council website?

Of particular relevance is the level of the Cuckmere, and I now record from the internet the river level at Shearman's Bridge – just the other side of the A27. There is a clear correlation between those levels and the point at which flooding occurs. The normal level is around 3.9 metres – at 5.0 metres and above, the banks are overtopped. I can only find records going back to 2016, but it is clear that the number of occasions on which that level reaches the 5 metre mark has increased

markedly in that time, and it can only be assumed will continue to increase. I do feel that we need to be armed with this information if we are going to raise the profile of the problem.

I have two forms that I have amateurishly put together for inclusion with the minutes. One of them includes a particular hobby horse of mine, namely a village diary. Not a calendar of events to come, but a record of events, meetings, happenings etc that have occurred – with of, course details of any that were cancelled because of flooding or other weather conditions. ([Appendix E](#)).

I would welcome views on how to progress this whole matter generally. The Chair did not want to have to ask any one cllr to take on this responsibility, in the meantime Cllr Harris was asked to pass rainfall figures to the Clerk to keep on record.

#### **54. Report on Strategic Planning – Cllr Spring**

Cllr Spring was unable to be present at the meeting, but has since advised that the village priorities are moving along and Cllr Spring should have a draft for discussion very soon.

#### **55. Report on Tye – Cllr Parkinson**

##### *General Maintenance*

- The damaged drain cover near the WMH remains an issue. Cllr Parkinson liaising with Steve at AEG.
- Rager and Roberts have planted a prominent For Sale sign in the village flower bed, in contravention of the Tye byelaws. I have had two positive calls with them – they say it should already have been moved onto the side gate and that this is now being escalated as an urgent job.

##### *The Tye Road*

#### 1) Double Yellow Lines at the Turning Circle Section

- As I noted last month, the plastic paint was difficult and unpleasant to use. It produced unpleasant fumes and I gave up trying to clean it off my tools. Personally, I don't wish to deal with it again, hence my proposal last month that we experiment with thermoplastic lining. It is difficult to tell which will provide a better finish, but the plastic paint is said to be more durable and at least we have got some experience of applying it.
- However, Cllr Spring is willing to apply the paint and dispose of it, so if Councillors wish to repeat this method, we can take him up on this kind offer. The cost from MeonUK inc shipping is £193 (cf thermoplastic lining, which as of last month was £172 inc shipping). To be taken from the Tye Road reserve budget. Councillors are asked to approve this – It was **AGREED** unanimously to purchase the paint at a cost of £193.00. **Action 9.**

#### 2) Potholes

- Last month I proposed that a bulk bag of Type 1 Sub Base be stored near the Tye Road, eg in the area behind the Tye Road alongside the Clergy House, or behind the two parking spaces opposite the Wingrove Car Park. The proposal was not approved (I did ask for other suggestions!). The key point is that we must drop this heavy load near the Tye Road if we are to repair the potholes – we cannot transport this material long distances - and not being a road engineer, I find it hard to estimate the quantity required. I believe it will have to be dropped at this location, at least temporarily. Cllr Spring and I have considered using any excess on the Tye Road surface along to the Clergy House, to alleviate the muddy area there which spreads over the yellow box marking by the gate in the winter. Councillors are asked to approve this. – It was unanimously **AGREED** to purchase the bulk bag of Type 1 sub base and for this to be stored behind the chain opposite the Wingrove Hotel. **Action 10.**
- My aim continues to be to get this pothole work completed as soon as is practicable. Availability of David Lewis and I mean the earliest possible date is w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July if people, materials, and a whacker plate are available. However, that is the music festival so I am concerned that there will be additional traffic; we would need to carry out works off peak. Otherwise it will need to wait for David's harvest to be over and I am reluctant to let this

drag on.

These dates will need to be agreed with all those who have volunteered to help. Also, we will need to inform Tye Road users that the road will be closed intermittently. Assistance from other Councillors, especially anyone with experience, would be very welcome.

- A resident has emailed the Clerk to complain about a car which persistently parks in one of the Tye Road disabled bays at the Wingrove end. My experience is that the four disabled bays are used far more by regular drivers than those who are entitled to park there. As Stephen does in the High Street, I am willing to leaflet cars who park in these bays without permission when I am around. As with the High Street, the Market Square, and Star Lane, I find the level of antisocial and illegal parking around the village by a minority of road users depressing, and request that everyone has consideration for others in the village. It was **AGREED** Cllrs will put APC notices on cars parked in the disabled bays.

## **56. Report from Planning Committee**

56.1 Applications considered by APC Planning Committee since last meeting

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/01901/HOUS & SDNP/24/01902/LIS** The Old Vicarage, West Street, Alfriston, BN26 5UY - **No objection**

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/01164/HOUS** Rosemary Cottage, High Street, Alfriston, BN26 5TB – **No objection**

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/02061/DCOND** Saddlers House, High Street, Alfriston, BN26 5SZ - **No comment**

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/01355/HOUS** Deans Barn Whiteway, Alfriston, BN26 5TP - **No objection**

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/02077/NMA** Pailin House, 6 Kings Ride, Alfriston, BN26 5XP - **Planning Committee feel this should be as per approved application, as otherwise could overlook neighbours garden.**

56.2 Applications notified or awaiting decision from SDNPA

**SDNP/24/01338/DCOND** - South Downs Way, France Hill, Kings Ride, Alfriston, BN26 5XW **Approved.**

56.3 Enforcement updates - None

## **57. Reports from Outside Bodies**

57.1 Heartstart – No report

57.2 Alfriston Emergency Group – Steve Woodgate reported that after requesting to work with the E.A. on flooding, particularly regarding the sluice gates, AEG will be meeting E.A. on site to see how we can work together more. Very positive that we can work with the E.A. going forwards.

57.3 Flood Forum - nothing to report.

57.4 Neighbourhood Watch – no report.

57.5 Twinning Committee - no report.

57.6 St Andrew's Church – Cllr Daw reported on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June the Bishop and Chichester Cathedral children's choir came down, a lovely day with lots of visitors.

57.7 Clergy House – report attached ([Appendix F](#)).

57.8 Cuckmere Buses – this will now be covered under Cllr Harris portfolio.

57.9 Alfriston War Memorial Hall – nothing to report.

57.10 Speedwatch - A slightly reduced programme of sessions this month, and one new volunteer.

57.11 Events - no report.

**58. Correspondence – Asking for permission from the Council**

Ultra Marathon Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Cllrs had received complaints from members of the public, where churchgoers had been told to get out of the way of runners and also the noise from over enthusiastic marshalls cheering on runners. The Clerk was asked to write to the organisers asking that runners are not given priority over pedestrians and noise from marshalls is reduced. **Action 11.**

Several letters have been received regarding parking issues both on The Tye and around the village. These were discussed under Highways and The Tye portfolios and replies sent to individuals.

**59. Public Questions**

The meeting was adjourned at 8.46pm by the Chair before Public Questions commenced.

**60. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the AWMH at 7:15pm.  
Please note there will be no meeting in August.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.57pm.

**Appendices, as referred to in the minutes, attached below.**



## [Appendix A](#)

### East Sussex County Councillor Stephen Shing Report to Parish Council June Meeting 2024

#### HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND 2024

Through the Spring Budget announcement on 6th March, the Chancellor announced that the Household Support Fund would be extended for a further six months from 1st April until 30th September. During this six month extension period, ESCC has been allocated £3.9 million. ESCC will need to submit a Delivery Plan and an interim Management Information (MI) return and the final MI return at the end of grant period to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to receive this funding. The spending is likely to be distributed as follows: £2.1 million towards Huggg food vouchers for eligible pupils of free school meals (Easter holiday - £30 (already approved and allocated), May half-term - £15 and Summer holiday - £60), £200k towards Children's Services Teams for families in need and £1.5 million to Delivery partners such as District and Borough Councils, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) and Food Banks and Food Partnerships.

**NEW NATIONALLY SET FEES FOR REGISTRATION SERVICES** The Registration Service provides a wide range of statutory and non-statutory services to residents of, and visitors to, the county. Their key services are the registration of births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships, in addition to Citizenship Ceremonies for new British citizens. Some of the fees levied by the Registration Service are agreed locally based on a cost recovery calculation, and the specific amounts for each service are proposed by the Communities, Economy and Transport department and approved by East Sussex County Council's Full Council each year in the annual budget setting process. On the 7th May, new specific fees were detailed in a new regulation. This regulation also grants the Registrar General with powers to alter the statutory fees to be charged by local authorities and will start on Monday 3rd June.

**EXTENSION OF THE SUPPORTED LIVING APPROVED PROVIDER LIST** The Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health at ESCC agreed the extension of the Supported Living Approved Provider List for 24 months for Accommodation based Care and Support and Housing Support for Working Age Adults ("Supported Living") until 31st May 2026. ESCC has a joint procurement framework and application process for organisations to become a contracted approved provider. The care groups supported are; Learning Disabilities, Physical Health and Mental Health, working age adults who are residents of East Sussex. This has been in place for four years since the 1st June 2020 and has enabled the required growth in supported living market. The annual ESCC expenditure on Supported Accommodation (based on 2022-23) for supported living was £31 million in 2023-24. Learning Disability £19.5 million. Mental Health £7.8 million and Physical Disability £3.9 million. **SPECIALIST SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES EXTENDED** Under the current contract, the Specialist Sexual Health Services was due to expire recently on the 1st April with a new procurement to replace it. However, the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health at East Sussex County Council ('ESCC') has approved an extension of the current provider and existing contract for six months till 30th September. The procurement was at an estimated value of £2.26m per annum with the opportunity for bidders to produce a separate 'set up costs' business case as part of the tender. This would have been in collaboration with NHS England for HIV treatment and care, and within prison in-reach.

**FREE HEALTH CHECKS RETURN TO WEALDEN 'One You'** East Sussex is offering free NHS Health Checks to residents living in the Wealden District following the popularity of a similar programme delivered last year. One You provides a free holistic lifestyle service for residents of East Sussex, helping people make simple changes that can lead to a longer, healthier, and happier life. The service delivers NHS health checks to residents, helps residents to lose weight, be smoke free, move more, eat well and drink less.

EXCEAT BRIDGE UPDATE At the Full Council meeting of East Sussex County Council (ESCC) on 7th May, Councillors requested an update on the progress for the new Exceat Bridge. The Lead Member of Transport and Environment explained that there have been a number of objections to the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) made by ESCC for parcels of land as a fallback position in the event that acquisition of the land can't be settled by negotiation. The CPO regulations require any objections that cannot be resolved to be heard at a Public Inquiry. A Public Inquiry is looking likely as a small number of objections remain despite concerted efforts by the ESCC team to resolve them. The date for any such Public Inquiry would be set by an Appointed Inspector outside of ESCC's control and could be most likely to be in the autumn. Depending on the outcome of that Inquiry, it is unlikely that construction would commence before the spring of next year, 2025. In the coming weeks, ESCC will also be resubmitting another planning application to the South Downs National Park Authority for the main construction compound, on farmland north of the A259 just west of the Cuckmere Valley, because the site originally identified in the planning consent is not thought by the contractor Balfour Beatty to be big enough. East Sussex Fire & Rescue meeting I attended the annual meeting on 13 June, the authority decided to carry out public consultation about the proposal to close the Mayfield station. I am been appointed for pension panel. After the public meeting was concluded, at the confidential section, the chief officer announced she is going to take early retirement and its submit her resignation later that day.

ALFRISTON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL County Highways and the Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) and parish representatives have met in county hall last week and discussed update proposal. It is on the agenda later on, your parish representatives well prepared the report to present it to you. Therefore I am better not duplicating it. Road closures It is under county highway responsibility. Once the license/permit is given, that is the applicant carry out close the road as in the license/permit was granted. Breach of license/permit condition should be reported to county highway for enforcement.

[Appendix B](#)

### **Report – Alfriston PC - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

#### **1) Expenditure of over £1m to improve Wealden's sports facilities**

In the last twelve months almost £1.5 million has been committed by Wealden District Council to improve outdoor sports provision and secure community use at educational facilities.

Hockey facilities at Hailsham Community College will be improved after Wealden District Council agreed to fund up to £216,406 towards improvements.

The works will comprise improvements to be made to the sand-based artificial grass pitch, used for competition hockey at the college, and replacement of the flood lights with energy saving ultra-low glare LED floodlights – which are estimated to give annual savings of £7,900 in utility costs. The total project cost is £291,406.

This funding is in addition to £311,000 being previously agreed in 2023 to improve the hockey pitch at Beacon Academy, Crowborough, in the north of the district. A further £300,000 has been allocated towards supporting the installation of a new 3G football pitch, at the Academy

Funding is being made available from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies and aims to help to improve the quality, accessibility, and protection of community-use sports facilities at educational sites.

The first round of the annual grant funding programme will be opened later this year and be available to local sports partners and organisations.

It will provide much needed financial support to deliver the priority projects listed within the Wealden Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy & Action Plan, agreed by sport's governing bodies and Sport England, and adopted by the Council in December 2023.

Sports that could benefit from the funding programme include football, rugby union, tennis, **cricket**, lawn bowls, hockey, netball and stoolball.

I shall look out for and notify Parish Councils about these 'grant funding programmes' when I come across them in case it is of interest. An allocation in this area would surely be appropriate.

## 2) **Fly Tipping Intervention Grant**

Some additional information here - The Council have been awarded £20,000 to fund an engagement project to ensure that residents are well informed about the use of unlicensed waste carriers and the 'Household Waste Duty of Care'. We should see information in the form of an advertising campaign coming through (adverts have featured in the Eastbourne Herald) in this respect in due course. Last year the Council cleared 677 fly-tips at a cost of £49,000

3) **Cuckoo trail to temporarily partially close in the summer** Sections of the trail will be closed in June and July so essential work can be carried out before the start of the summer holidays. The work is already underway and should be completed by 20th July. Bypass routes and diversions will be made available where possible.

David Greaves, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## [Appendix C - Meter Disconnection](#)

### Schedule

Correspondence Address		Job Details		
Mrs Suzanna Dry Alfriston Parish Council Alfriston War Memorial Hall The Tye, Alfriston BN26 5TL		Quotation Number 3700028213		
		Quotation Expiry Date 04 December 2024		
		Highway Service Co-ordinator Fiona Fraser		
Site Address : River Lane / BN26 5UD				
Unit Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price	
Disconnection of an existing unmetered electricity supply. As you have decided to complete all excavation and reinstatement works yourself, this quotation is only for the electrical works as detailed below: - Electrical works within the hole to disconnect the existing single phase service cable (The disconnection takes place at the mains to avoid leaving any live electrical cable on the property) - Electrical safety testing of UK Power Networks' equipment - Removal of UK Power Networks' redundant equipment - Issuing of de-energisation certificate BY PRIOR AGREEMENT ONLY - Jointer Only work.	1	£455.00	£455.00	
Total Excluding VAT			£455.00	
VAT @ 20%			£91.00	
Total (including VAT)			£546.00	
Completion date			04 March 2025	

The works referred to in this quotation will be completed by the end of the date shown above. This date is subject to the date of your acceptance of this quotation, and any further discussions we may have with you regarding the programming of the works, and the completion of works by others, as stated in the prerequisite to the completion of our works but are not our responsibility to complete.

#### Payment

You can pay either by credit card, cheque or BACS / CHAPS. By making payment in full you are entering into a contract with us and you will be deemed to accept the Terms and Conditions.

You can make payment by one of the following methods:

- **Credit or Debit Card:** please call **0203 282 0610** - open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm. or email [BillingTeam-Networks@ukpowernetworks.co.uk](mailto:BillingTeam-Networks@ukpowernetworks.co.uk)

We accept all major credit and debit cards with the exception of American Express.

- **Cheque:** please complete and return the Acceptance Slip attached to the address given on the Acceptance Slip.
- **BACS/CHAPS:** HSBC Bank Plc, Sort Code 40-05-30, Account Number 02302934. Use your Quotation Number

[Appendix D - D Day](#)

**From:** Juliet Olsworth-Peter JP DL

**Sent:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

**To:** Raymond Naqvi

**Subject:** Alfriston Village D-Day 80th Commemoration

Dear Raymond

As I have your address and as you played such a key role in both the planning and execution of the Lieutenancy protocol, I hope you will be so kind as to share my thoughts with all those involved.

First of all an enormous thank you for all your kindness, thoughtfulness and dedication. Alfriston shone in today's sunshine and in all the range of activities provided for so many and in so doing created a real sense of occasion, a perfect blend of genuine commemoration and recognition to those, who so many years ago sacrificed so much.

On a personal note, you could not have provided more support and care, more variety and range of experiences. Please thank especially Cllr Diana Montheith-Wilson for ensuring I was able to meet such a range of dedicated people; The Rev. Christyan James for his spiritual engagement and infectious enthusiasm; the members of the RBL, who provided a truly moving short service of remembrance; Steve James and his fellow National Trust colleagues for revealing such local insights into this crucial stage of the war; Bill Rendell for sharing his love of The Cathedral of the Downs; Sandy for her lightness of touch acting as wartime photographer and, of course, Sylvia, who not only masterminded the whole event, but along with her astonishing WI team, provided a spectacular tea truly worthy of the occasion.

Forgive me for not naming everyone personally: suffice to say everyone played an important part and in so doing ensured it really was as a celebration of service to our fellow man.

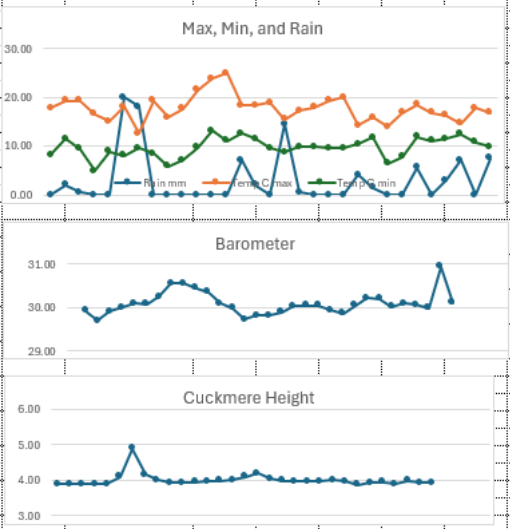
Warmest wishes

Juliet

Juliet Olsworth-Peter JP DL

Appendix E - Environment - Rainfall & Village Diary

Date	Baro	Rain		Temp				Cuckmere Height	River Flow	May-24							
		mm	Inches	C max	C min	F max	F min			Total Rain	10 yr average	Rain fell on	Wettest Day	Warmest Day	Coldest Day		
01.05.24	29.93	0.00	0.00	17.8	8.1	64.0	46.6	3.90	0.23								
02.05.24	29.69	2.00	0.08	19.3	11.5	66.7	52.7	3.90		93.00	54.1	3.7	2.1				
03.05.24	29.91	0.50	0.02	19.3	9.4	66.7	48.9	3.90									
04.05.24	30.00	0.00	0.00	15.6	4.9	61.9	40.8	3.80									
05.05.24	30.10	0.00	0.00	15	8.9	59.0	48.0	3.90	5.84								
06.05.24	30.08	20.00	0.79	18	8	64.4	46.4	4.10	1.07								
07.05.24	30.25	18.00	0.71	12.6	9.6	54.7	49.3	4.90									
08.05.24	30.56	0.00	0.00	19.3	8.4	66.7	47.1	4.15									
09.05.24	30.55	0.00	0.00	15.9	3.9	60.6	42.6	4.00	0.35								
10.05.24	30.44	0.00	0.00	17.6	7.1	63.7	44.8	3.94	0.57								
11.05.24	30.35	0.00	0.00	21.5	9.7	70.7	49.5	3.93									
12.05.24	30.09	0.00	0.00	23.8	13.1	74.8	55.6	3.95	0.69								
13.05.24	29.99	0.00	0.00	24.9	11.1	76.8	52.0	3.97	0.66								
14.05.24	29.72	7.00	0.28	18.3	12.5	64.9	54.5	3.99	4.10								
15.05.24	29.81	2.00	0.08	18.3	11.4	64.9	52.5	4.01	4.19								
16.05.24	29.81	0.00	0.00	18.8	9.6	65.8	49.3	4.10									
17.05.24	29.90	14.50	0.57	15.4	8.7	59.7	47.7	4.19	0.62								
18.05.24	30.03	0.50	0.02	17.2	9.8	63.0	49.6	4.04	0.51								
19.05.24	30.05	0.00	0.00	17.9	9.8	64.2	49.6	3.99	0.47								
20.05.24	30.05	0.00	0.00	19.3	8.6	66.7	49.3	3.97	0.38								
21.05.24	29.94	0.00	0.00	19.9	8.6	67.8	49.3	3.96									
22.05.24	29.87	4.00	0.16	14.2	10.4	57.6	50.7	3.96									
23.05.24	30.05	1.50	0.06	15.9	11.8	60.6	53.2	4.00									
24.05.24	30.21	0.00	0.00	13.9	6.4	57.0	43.5	3.96									
25.05.24	30.20	0.00	0.00	16.8	7.8	62.2	46.0	3.87									
26.05.24	30.01	5.50	0.00	18.4	11.9	65.1	53.4	3.93									
27.05.24	30.09	0.00	0.00	16.8	11.1	62.2	52.0	3.95									
28.05.24	30.07	3.00	0.12	16.2	11.4	61.2	52.5	3.80									
29.05.24	29.99	7.00	0.28	14.6	12.4	58.3	54.3	3.98									
30.05.24	30.94	0.00	0.00	17.8	10.8	64.0	51.4	3.93	0.35								
31.05.24	30.11	7.50	0.30	16.8	9.8	62.2	49.6	3.93	0.42								
				17.7	9.7												



Date: 16/04/2024 ALFRISTON VILLAGE DIARY Day: Tue

Rain mm: 22.3 Temp Max: 16.2 Temp Min: 6.4 Flood? y/n: n

Water Level at Sherman's Bridge (metres above s/l): 4.8

Flow m3/s 0.54

Weather Windy, light cloud, occasional light showers.

Events

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Meetings

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Notes

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Comments

Flood notes

## [Appendix F - Clergy House Report](#)

It was recently Volunteer Week and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers for all they do at the Clergy House. Whether telling our story to visitors or weeding the flowers borders - every moment is appreciated along with the laughter, support and kindness. Thank you all.

A forthcoming event is our Gardeners Question time on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Join a fun, informative session from 11.30am to 12.30pm and talk all things horticulture with our panel of experts led by our Senior Gardener. Normal admission fees apply.

Thanks

Holly

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