

## CLERK REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021 FULL COUNCIL

Wealden District Council were very pleased with the completed Sustainability Survey. Many thanks to Cllr Williamson, Smythe and Graham for their help with its completion.

I have received correspondence from East Sussex County Council regarding WPC grass cutting options for 2022 which remain the same but will be discussed at the next F&GP meeting in November.

Planning meetings will likely be of a longer duration in the future as responses to the Focus Cluster meetings will be discussed and agreed before the Clerk's submission. Cllr Smythe has kindly agreed to join Chiddingly Parish Council's new working group who are looking at submitting a paper to WDC highlighting the knock-on effects of large-scale building developments on smaller parishes. Thank you to Cllr Smythe for volunteering more of his time for this important work.

The SLR meeting has now been arranged and all councillors were emailed regarding what was required of them.

Unfortunately, the meeting with Huw Merriman will have to be re-arranged as he is now unable to make that date. I will update you in due course.

Simon Goacher who is responsible for the PC's payroll will be retiring at the end of the financial year. Options will be discussed at the next F&GP meeting.

This year's grant application process is now live and posters are displayed on the notice boards and website along with the application form.

The recent CSAG meeting was cancelled and I am waiting for Hailsham TC to arrange another at a future date.

I will be chasing for an update on the finger post repair work shortly and will keep you updated. Repairs are due to be completed in October/November.

Cllr Graham will hopefully be signing the bank mandate change form tonight which should enable him to authorise payments going forward.

I have begun the process to pay the PC's annual Data Protection Fee which was agreed at the recent F&GP meeting and is a legal requirement. I am setting up a direct debit payment which will save £5. The total to pay is £35.

I have spoken to the PC's existing insurance broker and they have advised that after the PC has received a hirer's risk assessment for The Green, the PC should then complete their own risk assessment of the event. This will be discussed at the next F&GP meeting.

I am in receipt of the licence required for the David Bysouth bench installation. I have contacted the construction company and ESCC Bowdler for a start date for the works. I will keep you updated.

I have asked the F&GP Committee to consider a performance related pay rise at their earliest convenience.