**AGENDA INFORMATION CIL OCTOBER 2021**

**FINGER POST REPAIR UPDATE**

The finger posts are on schedule to be finished by the beginning of November.

A second quote was received on the 14th September from Phill Signs which totalled £2,070. This was considerably cheaper than the quote we accepted which totalled £3,489.08.

A recent round robin email to all Wealden Clerks requesting contact information for finger post contractors only revealed the two companies I had contacted. I will keep Phill Signs contact details on file for future works. However, it must be noted that all the Clerks who had used him said he needed lots of chasing before the work was completed.

**TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A REAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS WITHIN THE PARISH**

A general discussion on the above. I am responsible for the Christmas lights for Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council I could obtain a quote if the committee is interested.

**TO CONSIDER COMMISSIONING A TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR RUSHLAKE GREEN**

Cllr Smythe to verbally report on this item.

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.

**BENCHES**

**Mr Knibb donated bench**

The Huntley family would still be happy to donate a bench that would be located on The Green. They have suggested: the top end opposite Middle Lane by the flowerbeds, facing down towards the shop. Middle Lane was the road where Mr Knibb lived so would be very appropriate.

The link below is the bench the Huntley family had in mind:

<https://www.sustainable-furniture.co.uk/woodland-oak-park-bench?gclid=CjwKCAjwr56IBhAvEiwA1fuqGuzFPVUrnh6nkbSGSDvzbcYeWCHU66F7uLPGTf_HpTSqiaFTPYBwGhoCgtEQAvD_BwE>

- to include a concrete base. It comes with a long manufacturing time (16-20 weeks)

I have requested the following information from the Huntley family:

Does this company install the bench as well as provide the concrete base?

Confirmation they would be happy to provide the bench and pay for the installation?

If the bench is installed on the Parish Council land then East Sussex licences would not be required. The installer would need to provide a copy of their public liability insurance.

**David Bysouth bench**

The licences have now been received and I have been in contact with JF Construction and they are hoping to install the bench in the next couple of weeks. I will need to meet them on site when they initially arrive.

WDC and ESCC Bob Bowdler has confirmed the bench is still stored safely at his property.

**WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE UPDATE**

A progress plan has been drawn up which has been circulated to all committee members but due to time constraints I have not had time to move this item forward.

**ELECTRIC CHARGING POINT UPDATE**

I received the following correspondence from Matthew China,

Policy, Insight and Communications Manager at WDC on the 16th August.

Sorry I’ve not got back to you sooner. It’s great to hear that your community survey shows a desire for public EV charging. As Bob may have mentioned to you we (WDC) are looking to install EV charging in its public car parks. We’re going to be doing this in a number of phases as some locations need an element of a grid upgrade by UK Power Networks (UKPN). We are presently putting together the final tender documents to go out to tender for a concession contract with an installer; whereby we allow the use of some spaces in our car parks and the partner installs, manages and maintains the EV chargers.

Once we know if this is an attractive proposition to and EV charging provider we hope to take our learning from the process and pass this to other interested landowners who may be interested in a similar arrangement, this will include all parish councils.

Sorry it’s not more immediate news but I hope we can get back to all parish councils soon with some options for you.

I have chased for a further update.