

Clerk's Report 17th January 2023

8.4 Precept - The tax base figure has been received by LDC for the year 2023/24 at 2067.20 (the previous year's figure was 1950.40. If we request the full budget amount of £157,804 the Band D figure per household would be £75.99 (previous year's figure was £67.13).

8.7 Financial Regulations – There are some amendments shown in the papers. The amounts currently used, above which the office needs to gain either Full Council approval, or 3 quotes are rather low given the increase in cost of goods/services. This slows down the process in the office quite considerably, particularly when we are having to source 3 quotes for a relatively small purchase/job.

9.2 Assets of Community Value:

Barcombe Mills Car Park - Applied for on 7th December 2022

Fingerpost Field - Became an ACV on 13th December 2022 where it will remain for a period of 5 years.

Village Hall - Applied for on 5th December 2022

11.2 Snow and Ice Clearing – A member of the public contacted us, concerned about the slippery conditions outside the chemist. Having consulted the ESCC website (after not hearing back from anyone), it looks like the responsibility falls very much on the individual as follows:

We encourage residents to spread the salt from the [salt bins](#) on pavements to prevent icing. Residents can clear snow from a pavement, or any public space and it is unlikely that you will be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully. For more information go to the [clearing snow and ice from pavements](#) webpage on gov.uk.

Questions:

- i. Do we want to put the above information on our socials before the next cold spell?
- ii. Do we want a new grit bin outside Foundry Healthcare?

A new grit bin costs £328.00 which includes grit bin, installation & initial fill. To refill an existing grit bin is £108.00 per fill. All costs are borne by the owner of the grit bin.

11.4 Bus Shelter outside Pump Cottage – A response to our letter indicated that the owner of the property would be agreeable to the siting of a bus shelter on their land. Clerk suggests that a member of the Council arranges to have a conversation with the owner before progressing.

11.9 Streetlights at Springett Avenue - After JD's intervention, the electrical supervisor at ESCC confirmed that he had been to the site and isolated the two columns so they would no longer flash in the evenings. Due to the age and type of the current lanterns, they can no longer source any replacement components for the bits that have failed, therefore, they will need to be replaced.

Quotes for new streetlights are:

- i. To supply and fit two new standard lanterns (axia 3) to the columns would be around £1200.00
- ii. To supply and fit the decorative (Huxley) lanterns it would be around £2300.00

These are based on current lantern prices and current contract rates and would be to supply and fit the lanterns including part night control cells that would turn them off from approximately 12.00 (midnight) until 05.00 am.

We were informed that there are long delivery times from suppliers at the moment so we cannot give a guarantee on when these will be delivered, but we will make every endeavour to sort this out as soon as possible once a decision on which to go for has been made.

15. Citizens Advice - Sarah Archer, the CEO of Lewes District Citizens Advice, wants to see how she can help the people of Ringmer. Additionally, she is hoping to provide some outreach sessions at warm spaces within the Lewes District to support residents. They need a warm space with a separate space/meeting space (where confidential conversations can be held) and would like to use our secure Wi-Fi network. Would our building be suitable? She would be happy to come to a council meeting to chat if required.

General

Anchor Field Car Park - We were informed by Highways on 23rd December 2022 that as the car park is not adopted or maintained by them they would not be able to assist in making any changes or improvements. On the advice of JD, we made a request to Julie Quanstrom, the Neighbourhood First Manager, on 5th January 2023 for a change to line markings and speed awareness signs. We are awaiting her response.

Rebekah Dowling, Senior Administrator of Waste and Recycling, Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Councils, was instructed on 16th December 2022 (& chased on 4th January 2023) to do the following:

Item	What & Where
Red Dog Bin	To be removed from back of the Village Green
Red Dog Bin	At corner of Bishops Lane and North Road to be replaced with a dual bin
New Dual Bin	At Rushey Green
New Dual Bin	At junction of New Road/ Glynde Corner (by bus shelter)
New Litter Bin	Inside Broyle Park
Yellow Bin	At back of the Village Green to be relocated inside the playpark on the Green

Funding for Affordable Housing – Email sent to Ian Fitzpatrick 1+9/12. Chased 09/01.

Lightsource, Community Benefit – Cristina Vazquez, the Asset Manager, emailed on 9th January 2023:

We always take the RPI December to calculate the updated amount. However, it is not yet published. I think it will be done between this and next week. Once it is published, I will inform you.

LW/19/0584 Land Grab at Harveys Lane – The fence has been moved back but is still on Council Land. Office has now reported to ESCC.

Parking Consultation – Parking Review Forms were sent in on 20th December 2022 for:

- **Bishops Lane** – Double yellow lines to prevent dangerous parking. (previously reported in May 2022)
- **Harrisons Lane** – Extending the double yellow lines to prevent dangerous parking. To look into implications of extending them a further 10 metres into Harrisons Lane from the B2192

- **Vicarage Way** – To prevent vehicles parking on the verge. To look at technical solutions ie. to install bollards or to widen the road or other.

I spoke to Ursula from the East Sussex Parking Team, Communities, Economy and Transport on 3rd January 2023 who confirmed receipt of the above three applications for the review which has been pushed back from January 2023 to April 2023. She confirmed this would take approximately 12-14 months to complete. She advised that there was a priority ranking system for safety issues especially for yellow lines.

Play Area Working Group - Their first meeting is booked in for Thursday 19th January 2023.