

## **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS – up to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

1. The District Parking Consultation was sent out on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors are reminded to view the documents as Council will need to agree their formal comments in the January full council meeting.
2. The results from the speed test have been received and sent out to all Cllrs. This is essentially good news for moving forward with the 20mph throughout the village as the speeds were at the level which will support this initiative. A full paper will be written for January Full Council meeting.
3. Rother District Council have offered to pay for the extra 4 urban cuts again this year as they did last year. It was not taken to Cabinet on 3<sup>rd</sup> December but Clerks have all been written to by Malcolm Johnson and he has stated that RDC have put the request in and it will go to Cabinet on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr Kirby-Green enquired for Burwash PC if we would still get the funding even if we take the contract in-house and the reply was yes if Cabinet agree.
4. The Clerk received an email from Malcolm Johnson at RDC regarding the freehold request of the village car park.

“The reason this Council has used leasehold devolvement in all the previous cases (with variations within that for each individual situation) is that the advice has always been that as a general rule if a Council is disposing of a freehold then it must ensure it gets best value for that freehold– that usually means it must be offered on the open market or at least an open market value is obtained. If we fail to follow this course of action then the decision to transfer the freehold could be open to challenge. Our view is that offering a long lease to e.g. a Parish Council or community group is not the same as disposal so therefore we do not need to go through a process of inviting offers nor is the decision open to challenge on the basis of not achieving best value/price.”

The Clerk has written back asking RDC to use their powers under the Local Government Act 1972: General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 which would enable RDC to give the car park to the Parish Council at a reduced rate i.e. £1. This has been done before for community assets by RDC. We have yet to receive a reply on this matter.

5. The PCSO has applied for and won a grant of £400 to provide temporary patrol crossing signals for the school crossing. Other items can be bought and the PCSO has asked for a meeting with the school to discuss how best to spend the grant.
6. Clerk has been asked to ask Cllrs if they know who did the hedge cutting down Willingford Lane? It was not done by Highways.
7. RDC have asked that if residents wish to report a planning issue to be investigated by the enforcement team that this is done through the online portal <https://www.rother.gov.uk/article/10192/Alleged-Breaches-of-Planning-Control>
8. The dog bin contractor has been contacted and they are working with a member of the Burwash W&C MF Playing Fields Committee to place the bin exactly where the Committee would like it to go.

9. BCWRA have written to the Parish Council asking about the village gates. The Clerk has written back confirming the plan is to use these as traffic calming methods and will be provided for all the villages.