

## CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS – up to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

1. The 'Committee on Standards in Public' held a consultation held last year into local government ethical standards – the report was published last week and can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life>. They have made a total of 26 recommendations, the majority of which are for the Government, together with 15 best practice guidelines which are directed at local authorities. There are a number of recommendations directed to town and parish councils, Chapter 5 deals with these specifically so all Councillors should look at these as they will make a difference if the recommendations are implemented.
2. The Public Realm Consultation from Rother District Council – Cllrs to read and formulate a response if required. <http://www.rother.gov.uk/publicrealm2019>
3. James Newmarch from East Sussex Highways has confirmed that he is liaising with colleagues in Rother District Council to ensure that a litter pick happens along the wildlife verges in Willingford lane prior to the scheduled cut. This will ensure that litter is removed before it can be cut up and spread along the lane. They have asked the Clerk to be the central point of contact between residents and the councils to ensure this is monitored and keep to a single point of contact.
4. A resident contacted the Clerk to highlight the fact a large lorry had driven over the verge and ruined the grass and soil in the area. The lorry company has promised to pay for the damage via their insurance company. The site is at the junction of Shrub Lane and Strand Meadow. The Clerk asked the handyperson to look at the site. He has quoted £150 to repair it with topsoil and grass seed.
  - a. **Action Required** – Cllrs to agree for the clerk to submit an invoice asking for payment by the lorry company. They will reimburse the cost in full. The handy person has advised the work should be carried out in early spring.
5. The BCWRA have been in touch regarding the dog bin up at Down Meadow: "It has been suggested that the Dog Bin by the gate into Down Meadow be relocated to the bottom of the slope where it would be visible to dog walkers using Westdown Lane but not necessarily going through to Down Meadow. There has been considerable fouling along this area of Westdown Lane and if the bin was visible from the Lane this may encourage people to be more responsible.
  - a. **Action Required** – Councillors to review the position of the dog bin.