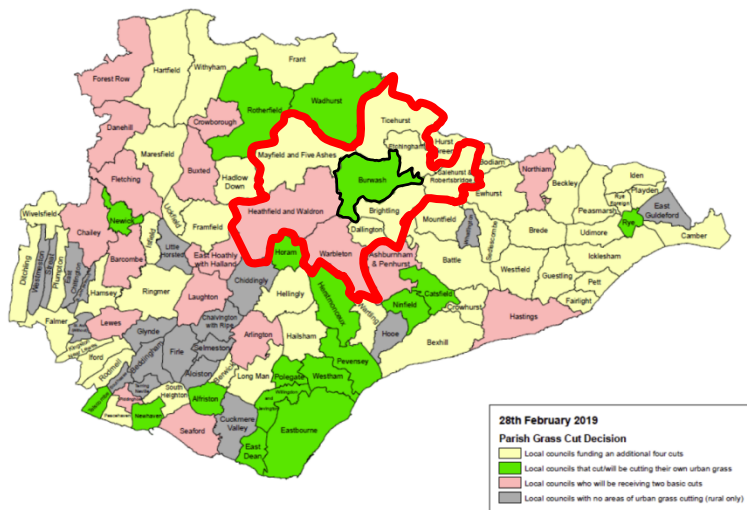


Liaison with adjoining parish councils



At the recent Community and Communications Workstream meeting we talked about liaison with our neighbouring PCCs with a view to making contact, learning from them and sharing with them good practices and ideas for the benefit of the parish.

I agreed to:

1. Establish which Parish Councils we shared a boundary with and found this map showing the parish councils for East Sussex. It is from The East Sussex Highways Department and relates to grass cutting but was the most useful map of the ones I found available.

Within Rother District there are 5 adjoining Councils

Brightling
Dallington
Etchingham
Salehurst and Robertsbridge
Ticehurst

On the western side of the parish and within the Wealden District, there are a further three,

Heathfield and Waldron
Mayfield and Five Ashes
Warbleton

2. Draft letter, to send to the Chair of the adjoining Parish Councils. This letter is to invite them to liaise with us in one, or both, of the following means, depending on the views of the Council.

- a. Parish Councillors to attend occasionally, full council meeting or possibly working groups.
- b. To attend an event with Councillors and Parish Clerks if appropriate

In terms of a. this could be ongoing, perhaps two to three times a year. With eight councils adjoining it might be appropriate to have a nominated councillor per council to act as contact to reduce the load.

As a one off event, this might be to invite them to a talk of potential interest to all councils, eg High Weald ... or CPRE.

The benefits of such liaison could be two way. We learning from their ideas and experiences, thus reduce any potential for reinventing the wheel, and hopefully, they will find some of our ideas and practices useful in their own parish.

We would like BPC to agree

- a. which parish councils to contact, if not all
- b. who will be the liaison contact/s
- c. whether to limit this to just attending the occasional council meeting or use an meeting/event to get the ball rolling.
- d. agree a budget, should a meeting/event be agreed the appropriate way forward.