

Rachel Lewis**1. Report from Hadlow Down Village Hall**

- Hall now has Wi-Fi
- It was stated that the current roof, which is made up of low-grade asbestos sheets, has begun to split lengthways and if there were high winds, is at high risk of being lifted and blown off.
- Independent structural surveyor to be engaged to complete a survey of the whole building (including the roof).
- Once the independent structural survey had been received, a meeting would be arranged between the PC (M Lunn) and HDVH committee and then a further joint meeting between the PC, HDVH and the HDCC to discuss how to progress due to the issues and needs of the relative short-term life of the existing village hall and the building of the new community centre.
- HDVH minutes are now on the HDVH website.
- Pot holes around the Hall have been filled.

2. Report from HDCC

- Comments from M Barber (architect for HDCC) “Since mid-2020, we have seen construction costs in the South East rise by circa 28% and no doubt the traditional round of material price increases in the spring will see this get worse. Contractors have been doing all they can to mitigate the labour rates but in reality any scheme which might have been a £1.5-1.7m project is likely to be at least £1.9-2.1m.”
- M Barber estimates that as long as conditions are fulfilled the project will be ready to go ahead at the beginning of May ’22.
- It was agreed that there should be some sort of collaboration between the HDCC and the HDVH and they would support the idea of a joint meeting.
- HDCC would support a PC decision not to proceed with the Section 106, given the cost and the fact that it does affect the position of HDCC as far as the new hall is concerned.
- After some discussion it was agreed by everyone that the application should be withdrawn.
- Race Night to go ahead on the 2nd April. Cost 15 PP to include curry.
- Two other sub committees to be formed– Fund Raising and Business Planning.
- M Lunn Chair of the Parish Council attended the meeting.

Peter Weston

1. Submission to East Sussex Highways regarding the ‘Kissing Gate’ crossing of the A272 (from the Burial Ground). The submission included suggestions for improved signage and a third site for the SID (close to the top entrance to the Church grounds). As yet (27th Feb) East Sussex Highways has not responded to the emails sent.
2. Various highways and footpath issues reported to East Sussex CC, including the spread of mud/rubble onto Wheelers Lane and damage to the licenced footpath where coppicing is being undertaken.

3. SID: Routine battery changes and data downloads (every two weeks). The SID is due to be moved to School Lane on 1st March. An analysis of all the data from the A272 site (westbound traffic) will be brought to the April meeting and Parish Assembly. Also attended a (virtual) meeting with other PCs regarding the use and siting of SIDs.
4. Monthly bank reconciliation documents scrutinised before wider circulation. Various documents posted on the two noticeboards

Damon Wellman

I have this weekend received the layout suggested for the telephone box book exchange so will get that actioned later this week (w/c 28th February).

I have submitted to the PC my suggested response regarding the NALC/DEFRA consultation on the response to landscapes (Glover) review.