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Town Clerk – Holly Goring

A Meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** to be held on
Monday 30th January 2017 at 7.00pm
in
The Council Chamber, Civic Centre

AGENDA

1.0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda. Should any Member consider that they require a dispensation in relation to any pecuniary interest that they may have, they are asked to make a written application to the Clerk well in advance of the meeting.

Notice should be given at this part of the meeting of any intended declaration. The nature of the interest should then be declared later at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

2.0. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4.0. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on 19th December 2016

4.2. Action list – For information only
(Attached)

4.3. Project Monitoring List – For information only
(Attached)

5.0. FINANCE

5.1. To note bills paid

5.2. Financial Forecast
(Attached)

6.0. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Uckfield Town Council Promotion Tent – Uckfield Festival Big Day 8th July
(Attached)

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1. Request to purchase land Adjacent to 54, Mallard Drive, Uckfield
(Attached)
- 7.2. To consider whether to introduce Cold Calling Zones
(Attached)

8.0. LEISURE

- 8.1. Hempstead Meadows Local Nature Reserve Public Footpath No. 41 draft proposed works by East Sussex County Council
(Attached)
- 8.2. Parkun
(Attached)

9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS AND TO AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 9.1. Ridgewood Recreation Ground
- 9.2. Services Working Group – Community Extras Grass Cutting
(Attached)
- 9.3. Road Safety

10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- 10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes
(Attached)
- 10.2. Informal Wealden Line Steering Group – no meeting
- 10.3. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group – no meetings
- 10.4. Uckfield and District Twinning
- 10.5. Age Concern
- 10.6. Luxford Centre Management Committee
- 10.7. Uck Valley Flood Forum – no meeting
- 10.8. Active Uckfield Group
(Attached)
- 10.9. Wealden Bus Alliance
- 10.10 Millennium Green Trust

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS


Holly Goring
Town Clerk
24th January 2017

	Apr 16 Actuals £	May 16 Actuals £	Jun 16 Actuals £	Jul 16 Actuals £	Aug 16 Actuals £	Sep 16 Actuals £	Oct 16 Actuals £	Nov 16 Actuals £	Dec 16 Actuals £	Actuals to Date	Budget Estimate to Date	Jan 17 Budget £	Feb 17 Budget £	Mar 17 Budget £	Total £	2016/2017 Budget
Income																
Cemetery	3,389	2,169	1,888	4,540	6,807	579	5,840	2,948	2,919	31,079	16,352	2,464	2,742	2,242	38,527	23,800
Allotments	227	13	89	18	16	(16)	0	5,306	(12)	5,641	5,198	0	0	0	5,641	5,198
Sport Income	(103)	388	50	2,348	0	149	149	69	5,095	8,145	3,500	3,500	0	0	11,645	7,000
Event Income	0	1,229	(659)	3,552	0	242	0	0	0	4,364	4,365	0	0	0	4,364	4,365
Delegated Functions	0	0	320	0	0	0	320	0	320	960	0	0	0	0	960	0
Civic Centre Events	772	1,131	156	444	1,004	1,351	1,776	1,420	321	8,375	3,001	333	333	333	9,374	4,000
Road Safety	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	200	0
Environment Sundry Income	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	2	11	100	0	0	0	11	100
Roundabout Income	0	873	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	873	0	0	0	0	873	0
Total Income	4,285	5,803	1,844	11,102	7,836	2,305	8,085	9,743	8,645	59,648	32,516	6,297	3,075	2,575	71,595	44,463
Expenditure																
Street Lights Supply & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,000	9,000	9,000
Street Light Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bus Shelters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	68	56	0	0	0	68	56
Playing Fields & Pitches	684	15	5,674	3,825	148	522	44	0	340	11,252	14,658	1,500	1,500	1,500	15,752	19,158
Play Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	40	0	715	40	0	319	84	41	0	1,239	2,048	228	228	228	1,923	2,732
General Equipment Repairs	0	0	107	0	0	0	301	290	0	698	2,391	266	266	266	1,496	3,189
New Equipment	0	0	795	0	0	0	0	146	0	941	5,000	0	0	0	941	5,000
Grounds Maintenance General	137	128	153	132	211	90	99	113	0	1,063	1,639	182	182	182	1,609	2,185
West Park/HMLNR & Sites of Interest Working Budget	2	972	3	0	11	50	6	243	0	1,287	2,388	265	265	265	2,082	3,183
Tractor Maintenance & Running Costs	37	33	42	106	35	40	0	48	0	341	636	71	71	71	554	849
Tata Running Costs	40	43	47	45	0	(56)	0	0	0	119	1,821	114	114	114	461	2,163
Fencing	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1,484	454	0	0	463	1,030
Horticulture	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	318	0	0	0	19	318
Trees	660	330	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	990	2,990	1,130	0	0	2,120	4,120
LitterTrade Collection	792	115	0	907	0	71	878	0	0	2,763	2,855	317	317	317	3,714	3,806
Litter Bins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	520	520	520
Corporate Signage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	258	0	258	258	0	0	0	258	258
Festival Tent	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	100	0	0	0	20	100
Groundsmens Salaries	8,343	8,981	8,662	8,662	8,662	8,662	8,662	10,670	8,662	79,966	94,080	10,453	10,453	10,453	111,325	125,439
Clothing-Corporate & Protective	76	0	17	0	0	0	62	70	0	225	1,000	0	0	0	225	1,000
Graffiti Removal	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	60	0	0	0	57	60
Town CCTV	41	865	41	40	41	41	40	41	40	1,190	3,000	41	918	41	2,190	4,000
Road Safety Week	675	0	521	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,196	1,600	0	0	0	1,196	1,600
Civic Centre Events	335	1,305	600	0	49	0	136	995	2,789	6,209	2,250	250	250	250	6,959	3,000
Floral Displays	0	70	0	0	0	0	310	0	375	755	4,005	0	0	0	755	4,005
Cemetery	95	1,289	196	372	2,076	133	1,012	413	786	6,372	6,360	443	98	0	6,913	6,901
Allotments	236	25	0	0	9	60	1,317	0	0	1,647	1,392	154	154	154	2,109	1,854
Hire of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	100
Cleaning Materials	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	103	0	0	0	30	103
Grounds Maintenance Contract	0	0	4,758	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,758	13,266	0	0	0	4,758	13,266
Civic Hospitality	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	50	0	0	0	20	50
Movano	65	67	69	71	68	71	84	73	73	641	1,648	114	114	287	1,156	2,163
Roundabout Expenditure	35	0	0	0	0	0	106	0	0	141	0	0	0	0	141	0
Ford Ranger	105	56	181	56	330	56	0	629	59	1,472	1,042	116	116	116	1,820	1,390
Total Expenditure	12,398	14,333	22,610	14,313	11,670	10,059	13,141	14,098	13,124	125,746	168,498	16,198	15,046	27,764	184,754	226,598
New Initiatives																
Olives Meadow Upgrade Street Lights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,100	0	17,100	17,100
French Twin Signs x 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
Renewal/upgrade Interp Boards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,200	0	3,200	3,200
Rev.Cardale Monument	0	0	0	0	1,150	0	0	0	0	1,150	0	0	5,000	0	6,150	5,000
Total New Initiatives	0	0	0	0	1,150	0	0	0	0	1,150	0	0	31,300	0	32,450	31,300

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Agenda Item 6.1.

Uckfield Town Council Promotion Tent – Uckfield Festival Big Day 8th July

1.0. Summary

- 1.1. The report details the Town Council's involvement in the Uckfield Festival Big Day which is to be held on the 8th July.

2.0. Background

- 2.1. The Uckfield Festival holds a Big Day on Luxford Field which includes music, dance art, walks etc. Clubs, societies, individuals and organisations are offered a 3m x 3m pitch for £20.00 to promote their activities.
- 2.2. In the past the Town Council has erected a 'tent' and displayed information relating to the Town Council's activities, functions and assets, and cleared away at the end of the day. This has in the last few years been solely organised by a Working Group.
- 2.3. On the day the Working Group erect a tent, display literature and arrange a rota of Councillors to man the tent throughout the day giving out information on the Council and how to become a Councillor. It is also the Working Group's responsibility to take down the tent and clear away at the end of the day.
- 2.4. The current system has worked well in the past, but in the last couple of years there has been a lack of volunteers to man the tent and the information displayed has been sparse.
- 2.5. Currently the Council is receiving more exposure by the use of Social media and improvements to its websites, therefore members may consider that the current format of the 'tent' which has been replicated for many years may need a new format. Councillors may even wish to consider if there are any benefits to be gained by attending the event.

3.0. Recommendations

- 3.1. Members are asked to note the report and advise the Clerk accordingly.

Contact Officer: Christine Wheatley

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Agenda Item 7.1.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND ADJACENT TO 54 MALLARD DRIVE, UCKFIELD

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The report details a request by the residents of 54 Mallard Drive to establish if the Town Council would be willing to sell a parcel of land adjacent to their property and if so at what cost.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The land came into the Town Council's ownership via a Section 52 Agreement with Charles Church the developer of the estate. The area of land, which is approximately 25m x 10m, and denoted with the red dotted line is part of a grassed area surrounding the pumping station off Mallard Drive. (Plan attached)

- 2.2 Various restrictions are placed on the land as part of the Section 52 Agreement including:-

'The Town Council hereby covenants to hold the said areas of land on trust for the purposes described in Section 10 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and not to use or permit the said areas of land for any other purpose'.

3.0 Issues

- 3.1 The land has various covenants and a legal opinion would need to be sought as to whether these could be lifted and the land sold.
- 3.2. The land would have to be professionally valued.
- 3.3. Previous requests to purchase Town Council land have been turned down and it should be noted that if the Committee agreed to sell this parcel of land it could set a precedent for other home owners to make similar requests.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider the report and **RESOLVE** to instruct the Clerk accordingly.

Contact Officer

Christine Wheatley

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Agenda Item 7.2

TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO INTRODUCE COLD CALLING ZONES

1.0. Summary

- 1.1. The Town Council has been approached by the Neighbourhood Policing Team. They are currently working on a project to tackle rogue traders and to protect vulnerable people within the district of Wealden. As part of this project the Team have reviewed the number of cold calling zones within the district. At present, their records show that there are no zones registered within Uckfield.
- 1.2. This report provides comments from local Resident Associations in the town regarding the scheme.

2.0. Background

- 2.1. Members will recall at the Environment & Leisure meeting on the 19th December the committee noted a report and previous comments regarding the enforcement of the scheme and questioned whether we had any areas in the town with cold calling problems. It was felt that we should talk to residents' associations etc. to establish if there is a problem and to agree a way forward to include them in any possible scheme.

EL.43.12.16 *It was **RESOLVED** to note the report and to explore the initiative further once information had been gathered from residents' association groups etc.*

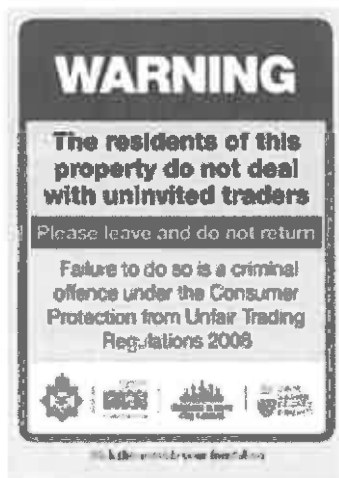
3.0. Resident Association Comments

- 3.1. The following Resident Associations and Groups have been contacted:
Church Coombe, Scarletts Close, Manor Park and Hempstead Fields, Fernley Park, Newtown Action Group and Ridgewood.
- 3.2. They have all been advised that to designate an area as a cold calling zone, it has to meet certain criteria, including:
 - strong enough community spirit to support such a scheme;
 - relevant evidence or history of doorstep rogue trading;
 - age profile of the area or vulnerability of the residents which could place them at greater risk;
 - the type of housing which may be more likely to attract a doorstep rogue trader;
 - a clear zone which could be designated;
 - support from the Town Council.
- 3.3. *Church Coombe Residents Association* are to discuss this at their February meeting but initially feel that they would have to survey residents which percentage wise could be minimal.
- 3.4. *Scarletts Close Residents Association* have had a problem in the past and obtained the door stickers from the Police about 2 years ago. Since then a reduction has been noticed. They have also just registered for Neighbourhood Watch and are waiting for street signage

- 3.5. *Manor Park and Hempstead Fields* were looking to create a cold calling zone and took advice from East Sussex County Council Trading Standards (TS). TS advised that these zones simply create a request not to be called upon and that the preferred option and more effective option is for residents to display the TS yellow window sticker at their property. The sticker has had the effect of creating a mini 'no cold calling zone' for those residents as the sticker is an instruction to leave and not return and can be legally enforced. The reverse of the window sticker includes telephone numbers for the residents to call TS and the Police to report any incidents.

The Association decided to follow TS recommended approach which has the advantages of being legally enforceable and avoided the process required to meet the criteria and avoided cost of signage at the entrances to the estate.

They have a good supply of the stickers and make them available to their members on request and also distribute at their community events.



- 3.6 *Fernley Park Residents Association* we are trying to ascertain details of the new secretary.
- 3.7. *Newtown Action Group* still trying to make contact with the group.
- 3.8. *Ridgewood* it would appear that there is no association in Ridgewood.
- 4.0. **Recommendation**
- 4.1. Members are asked to note the report and consider if the Town Council wishes to explore this initiative further.

Contact Officer: Christine Wheatley

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Agenda Item 8.1.

HEMPSTEAD MEADOWS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 41 DRAFT PROPOSED WORKS (SURFACE & BOARDWALK REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT)

1.0. Summary

- 1.1. The report sets out draft details of works by East Sussex County Council to Public Footpath No. 41. which runs through Hempstead Meadow Local Nature Reserve.
- 1.2. Further information following a site meeting with East Sussex County Council (ESCC).

2.0. Background

- 2.1. Uckfield Town Council is the owner of the Hempstead Meadows Local Nature Reserve (HMLNR), public footpath No. 41 runs from the High Street through the reserve to Hempstead Lane Recreation ground and ends at Hempstead Lane.
- 2.2. The footpath currently consists of grassed areas and raised wooden boardwalk where it lays wet and damp. The boardwalk has deteriorated over the years and recently more and more repairs have been carried with users expressing concern regarding its stability.

3.0. Site Meeting

- 3.1. Members will recall at the Environment & Leisure meeting of 18th December it was agreed that further information was required and a site meeting be arranged with ESCC, the HMLNR Supporters Group representatives and groundstaff.
- 3.2. During the site meeting it was confirmed that funding for the scheme was available for commencement this summer.
No guarantee could be given for the funding to be carried over into another financial year and could be lost completely.
- 3.3. Various concerns were raised by HMLNR representative's especially vehicular access to the site during construction of the path. It was agreed that the Hempstead Field end would be more practical and less disruptive than the Waitrose entrance. It was ascertained that no heavy vehicles could use the recreation ground due to the siting of play equipment and the steep contour of the ground. It was suggested that the Ironstone Way land owned by Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd could be used subject to their agreement as this would have less impact, with only the bottom end of the recreation ground being used. This would also mean that no brambles would need to be cut back at the Waitrose end being less disruptive to wildlife and save groundstaff time.
- 3.4. ESCC has since received approval from Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd to use their land at Ironstone Way.
- 3.5. It is anticipated that 2/3 lorries a day would deliver the hard-core for the paths to the site and this would then be distributed by small 'dumper' vehicles. The hard-core to

be used will be misshaped clay uncontaminated bricks straight from the brickyard. Plant etc. will also be stored this end of the path.

3.6. The Town Council and ESCC have contacted the County Ecologist for their response to the works and are currently awaiting a reply. ESCC are also to contact the Environment Agency to establish if they have any concerns with the proposed works.

3.7. Unfortunately public access to some of the HMLNR will not be possible whilst works are in progress. Sufficient notices will be erected well in advance of the works to keep the public advised.

4.0. ESCC Proposal

4.1. East Sussex County Council (ESCC) initially wanted to replace the boardwalk with 'Plaswood' to create a similar looking structure however the estimated cost in the range of £60-£100K is prohibitively expensive. They are therefore considering a 'causeway' idea.

4.2. The draft proposed 'causeway' works would be to replace the surface and boardwalk using limestone MOT, oak sleepers and raised stone paths.

4.3. It is anticipated that the works will commence in the summer of 2017 and will take around 3 – 6 weeks to complete. An area will be required for contractors to temporarily store and tip materials, turn lorries and store plant and the site will need to be managed carefully with suitable fencing and notices. The ground will be reinstated at the end of the works.

5.0. Assistance Requested from Uckfield Town Council

5.1. ESCC is requesting permission and assistance from the Town Council before and during the works as follows:-

- Agreement to the use of a small area of land by the contractor for turning, tipping and temporary storage of materials.
- Clearance of low branches overhanging the boardwalks and other sections of the path over the winter period.
- Help in erecting temporary fencing at the eastern end of Hempstead Meadows just before the works start. This is needed to help keep the public away from the worksite, in conjunction with barriers at either end of the path which will be the responsibility of the contractor.

6.0. Recommendation

6.1. Members are asked to note the report and agree to the County Council's proposals subject to receiving positive views from the Environment Agency and County Ecologist.

Contact Officer: Christine Wheatley

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Agenda Item 8.2

PARKRUN

1.0 Summary

- 1.1** The report is a summary of the parkrun scheme which is run worldwide and is entirely run by volunteers.

2.0 Background

2.1 What is parkrun?

parkrun started in 2004 and now has an international register of two million runners and volunteers. Runs are held in parks on weekend mornings and are led and organised by volunteers every week all over the world.

Runs are open to all. Anybody and everybody, of all ages and running abilities can take part and can run, jog or walk the course.

There are free weekly timed 2km runs for juniors and 5km runs all over the world. They are provided through local communities.

All events are run by teams of dedicated volunteers from the local community. Each country is managed by a 'Country Manager' and their team.

More information about parkrun can be found at parkrun.org.uk

Who pays for parkrun?

UK is operated as an independent not-for-profit organisation supported by commercial and various other supporters operating in over 200m locations. To survive financially they also look for local organisations to contribute towards the establishment of events in their area. They currently seek to achieve a £3,000 (including VAT) start-up fee when establishing an event. This is always a one-off cost and they are committed to supporting every event indefinitely from then on. The time it takes to set up a parkrun event can vary significantly – it depends on the specific challenges of the location. Typically it takes around three to six months from start to finish.

How long are runs?

The Saturday parkrun events are 5km (just over 3 miles).

The 5km is the distance that appeals to the widest number of participants and is a perfect goal for those just starting out in running, while also being the perfect way for more experienced runners to keep tabs on their training.

It can be run socially, as a club training session, more competitively, or as part of a longer distance session.

5km is also a manageable distance for the volunteers to organise on a weekly basis.

In the UK there are also weekly 2km run for Juniors (aged from 4 - 14). These events are called junior parkruns.

Setting up an event – things to think about

The key to starting a parkrun is to find the right person to lead that event as a local volunteer, to champion its benefits to their community and to slowly but surely build a strong volunteer team to deliver the event going forwards. They will support that person and their team through help from parkrun staff and their well-established IT support system. However it's important to remember that each event must be driven by a core team of committed and passionate parkrun volunteers.

3.0. Setting up a parkrun

- 3.1. As can be seen from the above parkrun is set up and organised entirely by volunteers not only to run the weekly events but to update a website on events, finishing times etc. How this could be achieved on such a regular basis could prove difficult should the Town Council wish to explore the initiative further. There could be local athletic or running clubs that may wish to take this on with the assistance of parkrun.
- 3.2. A permanent location would need to be established for example Ridgewood, Victoria, West Park etc. however consideration would need to be given to existing football and cricket bookings at some of these locations.
- 3.3. It has been reported recently that some Councils are considering charging for parkrun events due to the damage that is being caused to parkland by the weekly participants.

4.0. Recommendation

- 4.1. Members are asked to note the above report and instruct the Clerk accordingly.

Contact Officer: Christine Wheatley

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Agenda Item 9.2

REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS: SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Since the last meeting of Environment and Leisure Committee, the Services Working Group have:

- awaited a response from neighbouring parishes on the potential to share grass cutting contract arrangements;
- sought information from the East Sussex Highways Department in respect of fees and charges if Uckfield Town Council were to take on responsibility for grass verge cutting.
- been updated that the Town Council has now published its invitation to tender for the main grass cutting contract for the town's parks and open spaces. This three year contract would commence on 1 April 2017.

Having previously recognised the importance and benefits of undertaking more frequent cuts to the urban verges, the Services Working Group were keen to explore whether there was any possibility that the Town Council could take on responsibility for this service. This could then form part of the Town Council's contracted arrangements for grass cutting in the town's open spaces. More frequent cutting would improve the quality of the grass, visibility of road signage, and therefore assist with road safety, and address the regular complaints from residents regarding overgrown verges.

Since the last Committee meeting, the working group have heard that neighbouring parishes have made enquiries in respect of the new East Sussex Highways Department initiatives called 'community match' and 'community extras', which enable a community group or parish/town council to request additional services for a fee or provide match funding for suitable highways projects. Neighbouring parishes have therefore informed Uckfield Town Council that they are contacting East Sussex Highways Dept as part of the community extras scheme or have advised that they wish to retain the status quo.

The Services Working Group were therefore left with two main options, if they were to improve current service levels for grass verge cutting in Uckfield:

(i) Uckfield Town Council take on responsibility for all urban grass verge cutting in Uckfield (*receiving a fee from ES Highways for undertaking the service and incorporating these works within the invitation to tender for the Town Council's open space grass cutting contract*);

ii) Uckfield Town Council explore the costs of purchasing additional cuts of the town's urban grass verges through the ES Highway's Community Extras scheme.

ES Highways have initially advised that the contribution they would provide towards urban grass verge cutting if the Town Council were to take on full responsibility, would be around £2,174.76 in 2017. This was a provisional figure and may change. Unfortunately this is much lower than the amount discussed in initial conversations some months ago. The Town Council would also need to meet specific service standards and

requirements if taking on responsibility for this service. The contract currently in place with ES Highways provides value for money and therefore is not cost effective when broken apart to provide individual costings/services.

The Town Council has also been advised that the cost to the Council for purchasing additional cuts of the grass verges would be £240/Ha for rural verge cuts and £378/Ha for urban verge cuts.

The Town Council has approximately 5.85 hectares of urban verges and 3.68 hectares of rural verges on the outer edges of the town.

To undertake one full additional cut of all urban verges within Uckfield Town would therefore cost the Council £2,211.30. To undertake one full additional cut of all rural verges within Uckfield Town would therefore cost the Council £883.20.

Routinely ES Highways arrange for five to six cuts per annum for urban grass verges and they undertake two cuts per annum of the rural verges.

In response to the information provided, the Services Working Group would like to put forward the following recommendation to the Environment and Leisure Committee, for discussion:

(i) Uckfield Town Council purchases two additional cuts of the urban grass verges in 2017, at a cost of £2,211.30 per cut.

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Agenda Item 10.1

Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee

Meeting held on 11th January 2017

The members were handed copies of emails from Ian Smith, Chairman firstly regarding the severe concerns of travellers on the poor service sent to Southern and secondly setting out the response on the 2018 timetable consultation.

This included requests for a daily half hourly service and earlier first train on Sundays' which was sent to GTR.

The meeting continued with extensive discussion of the poor strike affected services and report of the Chairman's interview on Uckfield FM.

The meeting was advised that acknowledgement had been received on their representations on street parking at Eridge from E.S.C.C.

On a brighter note it was reported that the ongoing works at London Bridge now enabled for lines to be used thus improving departure times.

Following a recent press release it was noted that BML2 has received positive feedback.

The next meeting date 8th March 2017

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Meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee

Monday 30th January 2017

Agenda Item 10.8

ACTIVE UCKFIELD GROUP

MET ON 11TH JANUARY 2017

Invited guest Josh Gibbens spoke to express his interest in setting up a local 'Park Run' and explained what would be required to move forward with this idea.

The group discussed the new planned event for April at Freedom Leisure Centre. Following on from working with the Dementia Forum Cllr French suggested inviting Sussex Support Services to be involved in the Annual Sports for All Day. They are based on the upper floor of Victoria Pavilion.

The group discussed a grant that Sport England are currently promoting for organisations aiming to get the over 55s active. The deadline for registering an interest is in February.

The date of the AGM was set for Wednesday 22nd February 2017 7pm at the Alma Arms PH with the next meeting following on after.

Cllr Donna French

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