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To: All members of FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL:

Cllrs. Eichner, Christie, Cocks, Evans, Gilbert,
Harvey, Hugo, Jaffay, La Djoie, T Lewin, Scott,
Summers, Volkers, A J Waters & A M Waters

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your attendance is required at a meeting of the
FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL to be held on
TUESDAY 25th JULY 2023 in the Garden Room at the
Community Centre at **7.30 PM**.

Date: 19th July 2023

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Mr David O'Driscoll
Clerk to Forest Row Parish Council

THE FIRST FIFTEEN MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RELEVANT QUESTIONS AND REMARKS FROM
THE PUBLIC – IF ANY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND OBSERVE THE REST
OF THE MEETING

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 3.1. To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 6th June 2023
 - 3.2 To consider any objections to deletion of the digital transcript of that meeting
4. CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST ORDINARY MEETING
5. TO NOTE & APPROVE LIST OF DELEGATED DECISIONS
6. TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

TO NOTE REPORTS

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS (including update/required decisions on website/proposed newsletter)
8. TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:
 - 8.1 Meeting with Wealden waste managers
 - 8.2 Preliminary research on Gilham Bank renewal
9. SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT (Q1)
10. PRINCIPAL COUNCILS
11. STANDING COMMITTEES
12. WORKING GROUPS
13. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
14. COMMUNITY WARDEN

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

15. TO RESOLVE ON THE PREMISES LEASE TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
16. TO NOTE THE PROPOSAL FOR A CHRISTMAS EVENT AND RESOLVE AS NECESSARY
17. TO RESOLVE ON A REQUEST TO USE THE FORESTERS GREEN IN 2024
18. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM AN ANTI-PESTICIDE GROUP
19. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO SUPPORT A PARLIAMENTARY BILL

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the committee believes that the public and press should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

19. TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE ON CERTAIN CURRENT STAFFING MATTERS
 20. TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE ON CERTAIN FUTURE STAFFING MATTERS
 21. TO FINALISE THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT FROM 2022
 22. TO NOTE STAFF TERMS & CONDITIONS
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23. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

FULL COUNCIL

BACKING PAPERS FOR MEETING 25th JULY 2023

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**COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING FOR THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON 25th JULY 2023**

1. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Christie, Jaffay & Scott
3. **RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Meeting of 6th June 2023
4. **CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETINGS**
ACTION: to discharge as appropriate
5. **TO NOTE & APPROVE LIST OF DELEGATED DECISIONS:** (as attached to backing papers)
ACTION: to note
6. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/ REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** Members who have a financial interest in any of the items covered by this agenda may wish to declare a personal interest. However, occasional users of services or volunteers need not be concerned.
ACTION: to note

TO NOTE REPORTS

7. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

The Chair has already circulated a written update on the website issue (with backing papers), and there may be some consequential votes. Decisions may also need to be taken on the format and/or content of the first edition of the proposed newsletter
8. **TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION**
 - 8.1 Meeting with Wealden waste managers. Cllr Lewin and I , together with County & District councillors, met on 12th July with the waste managers from Wealden District Council. Issues discussed included:
 - ongoing problems with the siting and emptying of dog waste bins
 - litter bins belonging to two different councils emptied at differing frequencies
 - whether triage of clean recycling from public litter bins was feasible
 - pavement cleaning, and the use of mobile sweepers.Further discussions will be necessary, as this is clearly an area of concern to the community .
 - 8.2 Preliminary research on Gilham Bank This is an area of the village still in need of attention, although there is no immediate risk to the public. Research into potential grant funding is ongoing.
9. **SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT (Q1)**

A current printout is supplied with the papers. At the end of Q1, one would expect performance against forecast to be about 25%.

 - For Finance & Policy, income has to be adjusted to apportion the half-year precept receipt: this results in a nominal income figure of £113,382 or 25.4% of forecast. However, note that there will no receipt this year under code 4183 (warden hire). Expenditure is at a predictable 21.7%.
 - For Facilities, it is necessary to combine the former Amenities & Property codes, pending a system update. For income, that is a combined total of £17,256 against an annual budget of

£59,300, or 29.1%, (although this disguises an unexpected shortfall in burials income). For expenditure, the combined figure is £37,145 or 43.8%. This is significantly out of step, but due mainly to the one-off payment of annual non-domestic rates, plus a four-figure repair to the skatepark lighting. It should therefore even out over the year.

- For Community Services, the income figure is 27% and the expenditure figure 27.3%, so no concerns.

If there are any queries, it is helpful to raise them in advance, so the office can research replies.

10. PRINCIPAL COUNCILS

County & District Councillors have been invited to attend. County Cllr Taylor has a prior commitment but will report in writing. County Cllr Galley has confirmed attendance. District Cllr Coleman cannot attend but has supplied a written report.

11. STANDING COMMITTEES & PLANNING GROUP

Chairs of Committees have been invited to report

12. WORKING GROUPS

Reports have been invited from a representative of each of the groups. The 'To & Frow' group has submitted a 'Proposal' which amounts to a statement of purpose and method of operation which Council may wish to consider endorsing. [The details of process have been deferred to the next meeting].

13. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Representatives may report on any items of relevance.

14. COMMUNITY WARDEN

A report is attached to the backing papers.

ACTION: to note reports Please note that where written reports have been submitted in advance, they will normally be "taken as read", except where there are queries or clarifications

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/ DECISION

15. TO RESOLVE ON THE PREMISES LEASE TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

The County Council Library Service operates from the two large rooms at the NW end of the Community Centre under a short term lease from the Parish Council. The Library has been 'holding over' since the previous lease expired (there was for a period a question mark over whether it would be closed down). Its value to the village has now been recognised and East Sussex are looking to renew the lease, on substantially the same terms as before but for a period of 7 years (the maximum allowable without the need for registration at HM Land Registry). Does Council agree?

ACTION: to resolve as appropriate

16. TO NOTE THE PROPOSAL FOR A CHRISTMAS EVENT AND RESOLVE AS NECESSARY

A proposal has been put forward for a Community Christmas Event. Cllr Evans' summary of the proposal and its needs and requirements is attached to the backing papers, and she will be prepared to answer any points of clarification at the meeting

ACTION: to resolve as appropriate

17. TO RESOLVE ON A REQUEST TO USE THE FORESTERS GREEN IN 2024

We have received an advance request to allow an event on Foresters Green in May 2024. The applicant has produced a written proposal, but it is at this stage commercially sensitive,

so the supporting documents are provided to Council as confidential backing papers and should not be disclosed publicly, and the decision will be recorded in general terms only

ACTION: to resolve as appropriate

18. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM AN ANTI-PESTICIDE GROUP

Cllrs Jaffay & Cocks have recently been involved in an anti-pesticide group in the village, organised by local Eliaz Netsah, who has asked that the council discuss this issue. A background note to the matter is attached, and the request is that Council should write in support to the Forest Conservators and the Golf Club, to stop using Asolux spraying on bracken and instead to work with the community to find alternatives to reduce the bracken.

ACTION: to resolve as appropriate

19. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO SUPPORT A PARLIAMENTARY BILL

There is currently a Private Member's Bill going through Parliament - the Climate and Ecology Bill – which seeks to commit the Government to an enhanced policy of working towards 'net zero' and promoting biodiversity. A resident has asked if Council will consider actively supporting this measure in the terms set out in the attached paper.

ACTION: to resolve as appropriate

Items 20-23 A separate confidential briefing note is supplied to Members

24. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

Standard item

FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL

ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PERIOD - from: 01/04/2023 to: 18/07/2023

DECISION TAKEN	REASONS	OFFICERS NAME	DATE OF DECISION	COST
None				

FRPC Website Update Project

An overview of the work, costs, and requirements involved

Jason Eichner

Replacing the FRPC website will be no simple task, requiring a redesign, reworking of existing content, integration of new CMS (Content Management System), and training the council staff on the ongoing needs of the site and how to use the CMS to make updates.

Expectations

- A new website design with a more modern, user-friendly aesthetic
- A new CMS that is easier to use and more functional
- New features (outlined in the Features section below and to be expanded within scope by website team)
- Reworking of existing website contents and structure to be more navigable, clear, and mobile friendly
- Fully council owned and operated systems, to avoid exclusive contracts or fees going forward
- High accessibility standard, ideally WCAG 2.1 compliant
- SEO (Search Engine Optimisation) friendly design philosophy and standards

Timeline

With a working group supporting me and no unforeseen setbacks, my goal would be to launch the new website by Christmas. It is worth noting, however, that it may be wise foreseeing the existence of unforeseen setbacks.

Intended timeline:

August - Website working group meets and begins working on site concept and skeleton

September - First draft is provided to working group, who then build out site content

October - Draft of new site is made live on a password protected beta site, in which full council, staff, and potentially limited members of community can provide feedback and suggestions to the working group.

November - Second draft is delivered, last changes, bug fixing, final security layers applied.

December - Hosting account is switched and new site is launched. Seasonal merriment ensues. Jason takes a nap.

Design

Whilst I am happy to design the site myself or with a team, graphic and UX design are not my forte. A better overall product could be achieved with the co-operation of a local designer, TBD whether we wish to seek quotes for this or not.

Features

Existing features to modernise but keep:

- Community calendar
- General page structure and available info, provided in a more user friendly way
- List of community and council operated resources

New features to be discussed and potentially implemented:

- Interactive map of village (that could show, in theory, cycle routes, areas of FRPC responsibility, public green spaces, walking paths, etc)
- Library of things inventory
- Revision history - a feature our existing website bafflingly lacks, this critical feature allows for mistakes to be undone or old pages to be reverted when info becomes relevant again
- Regular, accessible server backups

Cost

Per standing orders, members of the working group creating this site would not expect remuneration. If hired, a graphic designer likely would; quotes to be obtained if desired.

The question of which CMS we use will change costs involved. My initial preference would be to use WordPress, which would involve licencing fees totalling £60. Ben Christie has put the council in touch with a team willing to provide significant assistance on this project, provided we use their CMS. This CMS would have an ongoing fee TBD in my upcoming meeting with them.

We would also require a host as moving away from Blue Level would require hosting the site ourselves. My recommendation would be with the hosting company Krystal, using their Emerald package, which comes to £190 a year. This includes an SSL certificate (provides the padlock and HTTPS in the URL) and unlimited email addresses. I've spoken to them and they have confirmed they could host for a .gov.uk domain and provide unlimited email addresses within that price.

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 18/07/2023

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Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Finance & Policy							
401 Finance & Administration							
4176 FI-Precept Received	223,000	446,000	223,000			50.0%	
4180 Misc Income	38	0	(38)			0.0%	
4181 FI-Wayleave Income	0	5	5			0.0%	
4182 FI-Devolved Services Income	0	1,450	1,450			0.0%	
4183 Community Warden Hire	0	10,000	10,000			0.0%	
4190 FI-Interest Received	1,844	1,500	(344)			122.9%	
Finance & Administration :- Income	224,882	458,955	234,073			49.0%	0
4100 PENSION TOP UP	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	
4101 FI-Salaries	86,108	365,000	278,892		278,892	23.6%	
4102 FI-Payroll Outsource Costs	193	420	228		228	45.8%	
4103 FI-Contrib. to Library Salary	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	
4108 FI-Staff Training/Travel	50	1,000	950		950	5.0%	
4110 Community Warden Costs	148	500	352		352	29.5%	
4111 Forest Rate	0	25	25		25	0.0%	
4120 Postage	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4121 Telecommunications	1,417	7,700	6,283		6,283	18.4%	
4123 Stationery	140	600	460		460	23.3%	
4124 FI-Subscriptions	2,808	6,600	3,792		3,792	42.5%	
4125 FI-Insurance	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
4126 Printer/copier	1,222	4,000	2,778		2,778	30.5%	
4133 FI-Chairman's Fund	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4134 FI-Parish Meeting	0	50	50		50	0.0%	
4135 FI-Councillors Training/Travel	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4136 Security Checks	49	150	101		101	32.8%	
4137 FI-Members Allowances	175	6,000	5,825		5,825	2.9%	
4151 FI - Bank Charges	476	1,800	1,324		1,324	26.4%	
4156 FI-Legal & professional fees	80	3,500	3,420		3,420	2.3%	
4157 FI-Audit & Financial Managemen	1,034	3,300	2,266		2,266	31.3%	
4158 FI-Van Lease	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4160 Office Equipment	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4165 FI-Election Fund	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	
4166 Wayleaves	1	25	24		24	5.6%	
4169 Community Occasion	60	500	440		440	12.1%	
7101 PR- Advertising/Publicity	33	50	18		18	65.0%	
7102 PR-Website	0	750	750		750	0.0%	
7110 PR-Newsletter & Distribution	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
Finance & Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	93,993	426,770	332,777	0	332,777	22.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	130,888	32,185	(98,703)				

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403 Other Grants							
4360 Other Grants	650	7,000	6,350		6,350	9.3%	
4361 FRGSA Subsidy	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	
Other Grants :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>650</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>8,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,850</u>	<u>6.8%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(650)</u>	<u>(9,500)</u>	<u>(8,850)</u>				
Finance & Policy :- Income	<u>224,882</u>	<u>458,955</u>	<u>234,073</u>			<u>49.0%</u>	
Expenditure	<u>94,643</u>	<u>436,270</u>	<u>341,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>341,627</u>	<u>21.7%</u>	
Grand Totals:- Income	<u>224,882</u>	<u>458,955</u>	<u>234,073</u>			<u>49.0%</u>	
Expenditure	<u>94,643</u>	<u>436,270</u>	<u>341,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>341,627</u>	<u>21.7%</u>	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>130,238</u>	<u>22,685</u>	<u>(107,553)</u>				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>130,238</u>						

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<u>Amenities & Services</u>							
<u>101 Allotments</u>							
1180 Allotment Rents	216	1,750	1,534			12.3%	
Allotments :- Income	<u>216</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,534</u>			<u>12.3%</u>	<u>0</u>
1135 Allotments-Water & Upkeep	239	700	461		461	34.1%	
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>239</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>34.1%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(23)</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,073</u>				
<u>102 Village Greens</u>							
1280 VG-Hire Income	0	750	750			0.0%	
Village Greens :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>			<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
1236 Outdoor Maintenance	1,652	8,000	6,348		6,348	20.7%	
1237 Outdoor Planting	634	1,000	366		366	63.4%	
1239 VG-Utilities	263	100	(163)		(163)	263.3%	
Village Greens :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>2,550</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>6,550</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,550</u>	<u>28.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(2,550)</u>	<u>(8,350)</u>	<u>(5,800)</u>				
<u>104 Amenities General</u>							
1400 Amenities grants/donations	0	1,500	1,500			0.0%	
Amenities General :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>			<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
1436 Skate & Play areas	2,935	1,500	(1,435)		(1,435)	195.7%	
1447 Dog Fouling	669	3,200	2,531		2,531	20.9%	
Amenities General :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>3,604</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>76.7%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(3,604)</u>	<u>(3,200)</u>	<u>404</u>				
<u>105 Outdoor Maintenance</u>							
1501 Outdoor Maintenance Equipment	75	1,705	1,630		1,630	4.4%	
Outdoor Maintenance :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>75</u>	<u>1,705</u>	<u>1,630</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,630</u>	<u>4.4%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(75)</u>	<u>(1,705)</u>	<u>(1,630)</u>				
<u>203 Street Lighting</u>							
2314 SL-Power	1,785	6,600	4,815		4,815	27.0%	
2336 Streetlights	2,889	8,250	5,361		5,361	35.0%	
Street Lighting :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>4,674</u>	<u>14,850</u>	<u>10,176</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,176</u>	<u>31.5%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(4,674)</u>	<u>(14,850)</u>	<u>(10,176)</u>				

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204 Road Safety							
2436 RS-Road Safety	0	750	750		750	0.0%	
Road Safety :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(750)</u>				
601 Cemetery							
6180 BU-Burial Fees	1,083	13,000	11,917			8.3%	
Cemetery :- Income	<u>1,083</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>11,917</u>			<u>8.3%</u>	<u>0</u>
6123 Cemetery Admin	256	330	74		74	77.6%	
6151 BU- Cemetery Rates	1,100	1,210	110		110	90.9%	
Cemetery :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>1,356</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>88.1%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(273)</u>	<u>11,460</u>	<u>11,733</u>				
Amenities & Services :- Income	<u>1,299</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>15,701</u>			<u>7.6%</u>	
Expenditure	<u>12,498</u>	<u>33,345</u>	<u>20,847</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,847</u>	<u>37.5%</u>	

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Property & Assets							
205 Miscellaneous Assets							
2551 Offsite Car Parks	150	0	(150)		(150)	0.0%	
Miscellaneous Assets :- Indirect Expenditure	150	0	(150)	0	(150)		0
Net Expenditure	(150)	0	150				
301 Community Centre							
3180 CC-Lettings	6,067	15,000	8,933			40.4%	
3181 CC-Equipment Hire	105	400	295			26.2%	
3182 CC-Rents	6,003	22,000	15,997			27.3%	
3185 MISC - incl books/copying)	54	400	346			13.5%	
3187 CC Drinks Machine Income	122	500	378			24.3%	
3189 Misc Property Refunds	3,083	0	(3,083)			0.0%	
4180 Misc Income	100	0	(100)			0.0%	
Community Centre :- Income	15,534	38,300	22,766			40.6%	0
3111 CC-Rates & Services	20,017	33,000	12,983		12,983	60.7%	
3116 CC-Upkeep/Cleaning	2,011	13,200	11,189		11,189	15.2%	
3127 CC - Drinks Machine	243	770	527		527	31.6%	
Community Centre :- Indirect Expenditure	22,271	46,970	24,699	0	24,699	47.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(6,737)	(8,670)	(1,933)				
303 Venue on the Green							
3306 VOTG Income	423	4,000	3,577			10.6%	
Venue on the Green :- Income	423	4,000	3,577			10.6%	0
3304 Votg Non Youth Equip	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
3305 VOTG Running Costs	2,227	4,000	1,773		1,773	55.7%	
Venue on the Green :- Indirect Expenditure	2,227	4,500	2,273	0	2,273	49.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,804)	(500)	1,304				
Property & Assets :- Income	15,957	42,300	26,343			37.7%	
Expenditure	24,647	51,470	26,823	0	26,823	47.9%	

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Localism & Community Projects							
<u>206 Community Transport</u>							
2678 Medical Car Scheme Income	69	300	231			23.0%	
Community Transport :- Income	<u>69</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>231</u>			<u>23.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
2554 Wealdlink	255	1,000	745		745	25.5%	
2601 Voluntary Medical Car Service	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
Community Transport :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>255</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>21.2%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(186)</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>(714)</u>				
<u>207 Market</u>							
3184 CC-Market Income	2,344	9,000	6,656			26.0%	
Market :- Income	<u>2,344</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>6,656</u>			<u>26.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
3151 CC-Market expenditure	2,346	1,430	(916)		(916)	164.0%	
Market :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>2,346</u>	<u>1,430</u>	<u>(916)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(916)</u>	<u>164.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(2)</u>	<u>7,570</u>	<u>7,572</u>				
<u>209 Localism & Community Proj Misc</u>							
2905 Repair Cafe & Wellbeing Servic	0	2,000	2,000			0.0%	
Localism & Community Proj Misc :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>			<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
2603 Emergency Supplies	0	6,000	6,000		6,000	0.0%	
2700 Repair Cafe & Wellbeing	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	
Localism & Community Proj Misc :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>				
<u>304 Cafe</u>							
3480 Gages - Sales	6,289	20,000	13,711			31.4%	
Cafe :- Income	<u>6,289</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>13,711</u>			<u>31.4%</u>	<u>0</u>
3436 Gages-Purchase of Equipment	219	2,200	1,981		1,981	10.0%	
3460 Gages -Purchases Food etc	5,266	13,200	7,934		7,934	39.9%	
Cafe :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>5,485</u>	<u>15,400</u>	<u>9,915</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,915</u>	<u>35.6%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>804</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>3,796</u>				

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 18/07/2023

Month No: 4

Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
306 Thursday Club							
3680 TC-Subscriptions	117	400	283			29.2%	
Thursday Club :- Income	<u>117</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>283</u>			<u>29.2%</u>	<u>0</u>
3636 TC-Running Costs	56	1,100	1,044		1,044	5.1%	
Thursday Club :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>56</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>5.1%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>61</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>(761)</u>				
406 Youth Provision							
4676 YP-Grants & Other Income	400	2,500	2,100			16.0%	
Youth Provision :- Income	<u>400</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,100</u>			<u>16.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
4603 YP - Dev costs & General Expen	758	3,500	2,742		2,742	21.6%	
Youth Provision :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>758</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>2,742</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,742</u>	<u>21.6%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(358)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(642)</u>				
Localism & Community Projects :- Income	9,219	34,200	24,982			27.0%	
Expenditure	8,899	32,630	23,731	0	23,731	27.3%	
Grand Totals:- Income	251,356	552,455	301,099			45.5%	
Expenditure	140,688	553,715	413,027	0	413,027	25.4%	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>110,668</u>	<u>(1,260)</u>	<u>(111,928)</u>				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>110,668</u>						

**Forest Row Parish Council Meeting
25th July 2023**

District Council Report (Cllr Christine Coleman)

Local Plan

I have had lots of enquiries about the Local Plan. There was a delay in deciding whether to proceed with the Local Plan as Michael Gove, the Secretary of State at DLUHC wrote a letter, earlier this year, indicating that housing targets may cease to be binding on local authorities. However, this has been slow to materialise. We are stuck between a rock and a hard place, as signing up to a Local Plan now does mean that we potentially have to meet higher housing target numbers. According to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB), having a Local Plan is associated with higher build out rates. Nevertheless, there has been uncertainty for too long and while our Local Plan is out of date, Wealden is vulnerable to opportunistic developers. Even if planning applications are refused at committee, they can get turned over at appeal and we are at the mercy of the Planning Inspectorate.

I can therefore confirm that the new administration is working hard to develop a Local Plan as quickly as possible. To support this process, Wealden District Council is required to undertake a sustainability appraisal. The first stage in this appraisal is a Scoping Report to review environmental, social and economic sustainability.

This Scoping Report is now out and the consultation runs between 26th June to 7th August. If you have comments (such as on: the plans, policies and programmes; the baseline data; the sustainability issues; the indicators, objectives and framework; or the appraisal methodology) Wealden District Council is asking for your consultation. For more information on the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and the consultation portal, please view the information published on Wealden Local Plan - Wealden District Council. You can also email planning@wealden.gov.uk or phone: 01892 602008

South East Water / Water Supply Crisis

Water shortages have been a regular feature throughout Wealden in June. Fortunately Danehill and Fletching were not impacted by the water supply crisis, but it was an extremely difficult experience for many nearby such as in Rotherfield, Crowborough, Polegate and Buxted. Wealden offered support to South East Water, through our emergency planning teams, but South East Water declined the offer.

The crisis has exposed profound dissatisfaction with the management of South East Water. In response to the crisis, for the first time in decades, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Full Council was held at Wealden District Council. The debate that ensued highlighted cross-party concern at the ability of South East Water to maintain adequate supply to the district. It exposed the failure of this private company to invest in infrastructure, protect our waterways or deliver fundamental public services. Since privatisation, water companies across England have paid out £72 billion in shareholder dividends, largely to international investors.

The motion that was unanimously passed was to request a full explanation from South East Water about the failures and to be informed of remedial action. In the light of the inability of South East Water to maintain adequate supply to existing housing, the Council agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government to request a reduction in the housing numbers that Wealden is obliged to supply. Central Government currently

stipulates that Wealden should be building and supplying water to 1,200 new homes every year. It is evident that this is not feasible, as Wealden is already a drought-stressed area and this situation is likely to be exacerbated by climate change.

As ever, you can watch the full meeting by going to the Wealden District Council website; clicking on 'Councillors and Committees'; and going to the link below, 'Webcasts of Council meetings', which takes you to the 'Webcast Library'.

BNG

BNG - or Biodiversity Net Gain is due to come into force in November this year - as a component of the Environment Act.

I am having on going meetings with meeting Sussex Nature Partnership (SxNP) which essentially brings together various bodies to make sense of the legislation (and lack of secondary legislation to implement the ambitions of BNG). The partnership includes East Sussex County, District and Borough Councils, Landowners, Natural England and Environmental Non-Governmental Organisations like the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust, Lost Woods, CPRE etc.

BNG is essentially an unregulated market that buys and sells nature. It is a matter for District, not Parish authorities, but Parishes can support the process, by identifying areas of strategic importance for biodiversity.

SxNP has advised Parish Councils to speak to **Action in Rural Sussex**. They can work with you to help you identify areas of strategic importance for biodiversity and potentially act as receptor sites for BNG, so that you can include these in your Neighbourhood Plan and get funding. No minimum size. A hedgerow could be considered.

Constituency Boundaries

The constituency boundaries have changed ahead of the next General Election. Hartfield will sit within Sussex Weald. Danehill & Fletching, Buxted, Forest Row will sit within East Grinstead and Uckfield.

Community Forum

Finally, I will be holding a Community Forum at 7pm on 6th September, in Fletching Village Hall. Please do come along and share your thoughts or questions. If you can't make that, do feel free to reach out to me directly. If you would like me to host a similar event in Forest Row, do let me know.

Thank you,

Cllr. Christina Coleman

**Chair of Wealden District Council
Ward Councillor representing Danehill and Fletching**

PLANNING GROUP REPORT

There is not very much to report right now and there are no large controversial schemes at the moment, Ashdown House School and the Fairfield development near Rystwood, seeming to be quiet at the moment though they are no doubt planning their next attempts! We continue to discuss and comment on smaller schemes, mostly domestic (not always without problems though!)

We have been discussing the issue of Planning Notices which must be displayed for a certain length of time before the deadline for comments from neighbours and interested parties. For some while now, Wealden have ceased sending out letters to neighbours near an application site and this has caused some concern as sometimes the notices are badly placed and people have not found out about proposals before it was too late. Wealden seem quite adamant about the amount of money saved by not sending out letters, but we continue to investigate the timings of notices going up and comment deadlines. Patricia has been, and continues to be, a huge help in this as a link between us and Wealden and we are very grateful for this.

We also felt that it would be good to have more knowledge of what criteria can be objected to and what cannot (It is quite complicated....you have no right to a view, for instance, so it is no use complaining about this). Patricia has sent some very useful materials that were used in a recent training session and it may be that we organise to have a planning training session as a group so that new Councillors can find out more and old Councillors can get up to date!

Maureen Summers (Planning Group Chair)

Proposal from To & FRow (Community Engagement and Development Working Group)

17 July 2023

Andi Jaffay on behalf of Portia Cocks, Angela Evans, Kate Taylor-Smith, Alex Walters (y), Zuzu la Djo, Johnny Scratchley, Charlotte Harvey, Michelle Matthews, Jason Eichner

Mission Statement:

To & FRow, the Community Engagement and Development working group, aims to empower the community to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems, and to support community projects. We aim to engage with all parts of the community, and to connect people and groups with one another, building community cohesion, resilience and sustainability.

Background: What To & FRow is and how we operate

This working group sees itself as the community outreach arm of the PC. As per the mission statement, we aim to engage effectively with the community and support people and groups effectively. This doesn't mean we see the working group as making decisions or doing things for the community. Rather, in our engagement, we plan to hear from as many of the 5,000 people living here as possible (plus others who are part of the community in other ways), and then signpost them on to relevant committees, or support them to realise their own projects or campaigns. We also plan to connect people or groups with appropriate others in the community.

T&F group is currently made up of 12 people - a balance of councillors, PC office staff and support team. We meet once a month and we rotate the Chair. David or Carolyn take minutes. Andi and Kate T-S visit the rest of the office staff once a month, to share what is going on and develop a working relationship with them and T&F.

Our proposal:

The outreach that T&F have planned for Summer is to drop-in to existing groups and chat with community, to hold community events (similar to the APM event), stalls at community events, and community postboxes around the village for anonymous issues and ideas. The PC office handle all emails and calls. Once we've been visible and gained trust in community for this time, more methods of engagement can be trialed out in Autumn.

As we're collecting issues and ideas through these methods, it makes sense for T&F to then send on each line item from the Ideas and Issues document to the appropriate committee, who would then go through their decision for action process. T&F would not make any decisions as to actions – we would be the channel through which a filtering process happens on to the committees.

The only time that T&F would not send line items on to a committee, would be when a community member or group comes to us for advice or guidance, but wants to develop a project or campaign themselves. In these cases, we would simply advise and support them to do it themselves.

There may be occasions when a group would like to develop their own project but also needs support from a committee or full council. In this case, T&F would honour both these requests. Eg: The anti-pesticide group gathering currently, wants support to campaign (some of the councillors are already advising them) and is requesting that full council write a letter of support for them to

rally against the spraying of Asolux locally (T&F will ask if this can be added to the agenda for discussion at the next full council meeting).

We propose to full council that T&F can take on this role, in terms of sending on the line items from the Issues and Ideas document on a monthly basis to relevant committees and also in advising and guiding people and groups when requested to do so.

T&F also asks that the proposed document regarding process for decision making (written by Adam and Rebecca) is amended to include T&F at the very beginning of the process, as this would often be the first point of contact between community and council.

COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT JULY 2023

HIGHWAYS

Over the last few months, I have been making various calls to Balfour Beatty, the new Highways contractor for East Sussex, raising concerns within the area. Including:

- Collapsed gully drain in Upper Close,
- Fallen tree by Hatch End,
- Collapsed fencing along Lewes Road blocking pathway.
- Report to road safety team about the faded zebra crossing lines on Hartfield Road by Community Centre which need repainting.
- Various potholes in the area.

WATER COMPANIES

I have spent some considerable amount of time (since May) speaking to South East Water, to repair a collapsed drain outside Ashdown Court on London Road. A team came out at 8am one morning to repair the drain, only to realise that the road was too busy to set up traffic lights without causing massive congestion to the area. I was then shown the recommendation was to carry out the works after normal working hours when the road was quieter.

It is now Mid July. And as I type this report the drain still has not been repaired the drain now has a large pink phallic symbol over the drain which has been reported. South East Water have sent two emails stating that the drain is not theirs, and it belongs to Southern Water, who have paid a site visit and confirmed to me that it is not their drain, it is fresh water. I have even spoken to the two companies stating why can't they speak with each other to sort it out and take responsibility.

WDC ISSUES

Frequent phone calls or emails sent regarding issues.

- Overflowing Litterbins
- Dog Poo Bins not being emptied particularly on Forest Way.
- Untaxed vehicles

- Fly tipping
- Salvation Army clothing bin.

Lastly, since May to date I have covered 341 miles of patrolling around the area providing a visible presence for the community, in the absence of any evidence of PCSO`s patrolling the area. I do, however, liaise with Sussex Police where there are reports of crime or anti-social behaviour.

Project Proposal for Forest Row Council – one community engagement project in action

Date of proposal: 17.7.23

On behalf of: Alex Volkers, Andi Jaffay, Andy Evans, Ben Christie, Kate Taylor-Smith, Portia Cocks, Robin (Seasons), Sheereen Kahn and Sara Whatley

1. The Proposal

The proposal is to explore the possibility of a **Community Christmas Extravaganza (CCE)** for the whole village on Christmas Day. It will be from 1-4pm. This is a trial run so will not be long. It will be an extended lunch with entertainment and games and lots of fun. The Village Club are happy to host and have offered it for free – they are asking for more details. They can seat 70-75 people. They will open the venue on Christmas Eve so we can prepare. They would need to run the bar. We will stipulate that children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult.

2. The Working Group

A group has formed and has met twice. It could be an outreach group of To and Frow or a group in its own right. We ask for the Parish Council to help us to formalise the group.

3. Financial implication

We aim to fundraise and ask for the generosity and good will of the village so we are not asking for Parish Council funding.

4. Request

- We are asking for Parish Council support.
- We request that money pots can be provided for us to give to businesses to help us to fundraise for CCE.
- In September, we will be asking office staff to kindly print posters as we announce the event widely to the community. On the posters, in Forest Row Local magazine and on social media, we would like to give the Parish Council office phone number and email address for people to contact if they want to attend. Also, a named person as this would really help people to make the contact. We are asking if office staff (or one particular person) have/has the capacity to answer calls and emails and to store a list of people who are 1. interested 2. committed and to follow up those who are interested to see if they want to commit. They will also need to make a list of children and their ages to ascertain how many presents to provide.

5. Financial and material support

Initial conversations are happening with the following groups to see how much they could offer in material food and gifts:

- The More Radio Toys appeal – we will put in an application for presents in early October.
- Robin, Seasons owner, has offered any food left over on Christmas Eve. He will also bring the project to the next business forum, asking businesses if they can commit to donations, financial support, marketing and having money pots for donations.
- Ben will be contacting a local farmer, Tristram, about food and catering.
- Kate will ask Second Life about donating craft items.
- At the next CCE meeting on July 31st, we will allocate each person to request what items the following businesses can offer: local supermarkets; Seasons; Plaw Hatch; Tablehurst; Shearers; Hopyard; local off licence.

6. Ascertaining community need, interest and enthusiasm

- Conversations are happening with church groups for their support and to ask them to ascertain people who they think might be interested in helping or attending.
- Community Fridge have said they will tell families who receive their food parcels about the project and will display posters in September.
- Residents of Oakwood Park were told about CCE at a coffee morning. The manager has put it in her newsletter. A post box is inside the building for residents to post their wish to attend.
- Sara will ask Head Teacher (HT) at FR Primary school before the end of term if she can discreetly, through school communication channels, ascertain which families might benefit from attending the CCE. Families either let HT know their wishes to attend or FR Parish council staff directly. HT to be assured that discretion will be kept within staff at FR Parish Council.
- Sheereen will speak to a Michael Hall link for support and likely community interest.
- Stuart, who is an MC for many local events, has offered to MC the event. He will also explore entertainment.
- Portia and Angela spoke to Mel, who will explore youth group volunteers.
- We have still to explore local chefs.

7. Volunteers

We so far have 15 volunteers. We need to gather many more volunteers.

8. Benefits to the community

Apart from the obvious feel-good nature of the project, the initial explorations in themselves would put and is already putting Forest Row Council in touch with many members of our community. If the project looked likely to take place, many members of the village would be brought together. Volunteers and givers could also be receivers of the project and vice versa.

Many thanks. Angela Evans

Background reading and links to info – Anti-pesticide group, who request support from the Parish Council

- The following links and information are compiled by Andi Jaffay, on behalf of a new local group who have gathered in Forest Row, currently called the Anti-pesticide group. As there is no clear lead person to the group as yet, these are the inputs of information sent through a collective of local people to the what's app group (53 members).
- Eliaz Netsah who instigated the group and researched a great deal of information, plans to attend the council meeting on the 25 July. Andi Jaffay and Portia Cocks have been supporting the group to approach the golf course and the Ashdown Foresters, who are spraying bracken in large areas with Asulox (a herbicide which has been banned in Europe, Ireland and Wales), to ask if they would not spray but meet with local people and discuss other options.
- The group request that the council discuss the issue, with a hope that the council will write in support of the group, who want the golf course and Foresters to cessate use of Asulox completely and meet with community to talk about other potential options to keeping the bracken down.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8316667/>

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/news-and-events/technical-articles/battling-bracken-control-and-alleviation-strategies>

Dame Katherine Hamnett has campaigned long and hard against glyphosate, well before the US High Court rulings against Monsanto.

Also, Prof Stephanie Seneff, MIT, has produced a highly respectable body of research on this. A lot of her research is available on the MIT website:

<https://people.csail.mit.edu/seneff/>

Copied from Eliaz Netsah - a what's app post on the Anti-pesticide group, which has been started by Eliaz in the village, and now has 53 members:

HERBICIDE WARNING FOR GOLF COURSE USERS:

I just found out today that the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club (the one here in Forest Row), spray a widely banned herbicide called Asulox on their grounds, and they do not signpost and put boundaries around all the areas they have sprayed. When I phoned the company who manufacture this herbicide, I was told that people should be excluded from sprayed areas for at least 24 hours! There is a little bit of signposting, but in my opinion, really not enough, see below. I think this issue deserves the attention of our local council.

Asulox (active ingredient Asulam) is a herbicide banned in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and in the EU. The English government decided to allow it's use this year, against the advice of their own expert advisory panel, the UK Expert Committee on Pesticides, and against the advice of The Health and Safety Executive.

Why has it been banned? Critical concerns include:

It meets the criteria for being an endocrine disruptor for humans. (Endocrine disruptors can cause developmental issues, and can cause harm by interfering with our hormones, you can read about them here: <https://echa.europa.eu/hot-topics/endocrine-disruptors>)

It is highly toxic to aquatic life (Although I believe the golf course do have measures in place to minimise contamination of water with it)

There is a high risk of adverse effects to wild mammals and birds. There are also big data gaps on long term effects on soil organisms, birds, and mammals, as well as big unknowns about the toxicity of different ingredients in Asulox.

(See below for links to official reports containing this information)

Seeing as the company that manufacture Asulox informed me that people should be excluded from the area where it is sprayed for at least 24 hours, I believe it is wrong for the golf course not to put up more signage, and hence I am informing people here, until something is done to change this.

I spoke to one of the managers, who said that they put a sign up near the golf club house to say if they have been spraying it, and I believe they also put up signs if they spray near to a path (but not sure about that one, you'd have to check).

But from what I understood of our conversation, they otherwise do not put up signage, because he believes people are not going to be walking through bracken... but I know several people who do walk through bracken, and I think it's very likely that children will go through it, and what about people's dogs?

For anyone wanting to walk in the golf course, I also wonder to what extent this pesticide spreads in the environment as an aerosol you can breath in. I don't want to alarm people unnecessarily, but I just want to bring this up as a possibility to be aware of, in case people would like to contact them to find out what day they will be spraying.

Here are links to official reports regarding Asulox, in case anyone wishes to read them:

Report from UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (See Annexe 1):
<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/.../ecp-minutes...>

Letters refusing the use of Asulox from Health and Safety Executive are found on this page: <https://www.brackencontrol.co.uk/asulam>

The Scottish government webpage also provides a good overview of the situation.
<https://www.gov.scot/news/use-of-asulox-for-bracken-control/>

Forest Row Parish Council Climate & Ecology Bill motion

Preamble

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK, and around the world. The global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels and—alongside this—the natural world has reached crisis point, with [28% of plants and animals](#) threatened with extinction. In fact, the UK is [one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world](#) as more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline.

Climate change remains a major concern for voters with 66% of people (according to YouGov) expressing they are 'worried about climate change and its effects'. Alongside this, the popularity of Sir David Attenborough's *Save Our Wild Isles* initiative demonstrates public concern that UK wildlife is being destroyed at terrifying speed.

Climate & Ecology Bill

The Climate & Ecology Bill, a private member's bill currently before the House of Commons, seeks to address the challenges that this situation poses by creating a whole-of-government approach to deliver a net zero and nature positive future.

Based on the latest science, the Bill aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, which was goal agreed to at COP15, via the [Kunming-Montreal Framework](#) (22 December 2022); and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with a fair share of the remaining global carbon budget to give the strongest chance of limiting global heating to 1.5C, which was the goal agreed to at COP21, via the [Paris Agreement](#) (12 December 2015).

By bridging the gap between the UK Government's current delivery, and what has been agreed at international levels, Britain has a chance to be a world leader on the environment; seizing the opportunities of the clean energy transition, including green jobs and reduced energy bills; and boosting the UK's food and energy security.

Forest Row Parish Council notes that:

The [Climate and Ecology Bill](#), which has been introduced in the UK Parliament on four occasions since 2020, including most recently in the House of Commons 10 May 2023. The Bill is backed by 168 cross-party MPs and Peers, 237 local authorities, alongside the support of eminent scientists, such as Sir David King; environmental NGOs, such as The Wildlife Trusts and CPRE; businesses, such as The Co-operative Bank; and 30,000 members of the public.

The Bill would require the UK Government to develop and deliver a new environmental strategy, which would include:

1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, requiring a plan that considers both together;
2. Reducing emissions in line with 1.5°C, ensure emissions are reduced rapidly, for the best chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C;

3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;
5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
6. Ensuring that no-one is left behind, by providing for retraining for people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
7. Giving people a say in finding a fair way forward through an independent and temporary *Climate & Nature Assembly*, representative of the UK population, an essential tool for bringing public opinion along with the unprecedented pace of change required.

Forest Row Parish Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform local residents, and local press/media of this decision;
3. Write to **Nusrat Ghani** to inform them that this motion has been passed, urging them to sign up to support the CE Bill, or thanking them for already doing so;
4. Write to [Zero Hour](https://www.zerohour.org.uk/), the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing its support (campaign@zerohour.uk).