

Report to Etchingham Parish Council

RALC

Thursday 21st November 2019

RALC received a visit and report on Sussex Police matters from Jonathan Hartley, the new Police Inspector for Rother District. He emphasized that he was aware of the challenges faced by his predecessor, including visible policing and work on the rural crime strategy. He was collaborating with Kent Police on cross-border crime that should result in more visible policing in N and E Rother.

ESCC Highways, Jon Copp reported that a new guide to highways had been produced which outlined tasks undertaken by East Sussex Highways.

Ruby Brittle introduced herself as the Stakeholder and Engagement Manager for East Sussex Highways. She said that they are looking to build good ongoing relationships with Parish Councils. She is lead on the Community Highways project, a scheme which provides funding to enable parishes to do such things as painting finger posts, speed projects and pedestrian crossings. Details will be sent to Parish Clerks.

Malcolm Johnston reported on Rother matters. RDC agreed to fund grass cutting for Parishes for a further year, subject to Full Council approval.

Waste contract from June 2019 awarded to BIFFA.

Some changes may be made to collections in the parishes. Some crews probably employed but different wagons.

District of Rother Parking Places Order will be reviewed in 2019, possibly resulting in charging in all RDC car parks.

Long information session followed on conduct of forthcoming local elections.

Gina Sanderson from Rother Voluntary Action gave a PowerPoint presentation on grants and help available to Parish Councils.

A full report has been lodged with the Parish Council Clerk.

Annette Childs