

CROWBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of the **ENVIRONMENT** Committee (with copies to all other Members for information).

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT** Committee to be held at the Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on Tuesday 28th January 2014 at 7.30 pm when it is proposed to transact the following business:-

Town Clerk
22nd January 2014

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Questions from members of the public (15 minutes maximum)

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **MINUTES**
 - 3.1. **Minutes – 26th November 2013**
 - 3.2. **Matters Outstanding (including reports on updates)**
 - 3.2.1 **Pedestrian crossing at Beacon Community College**
Work is progressing on this scheme.
 - 3.2.2 **Planting at Clokes Corner (7023)**
Flowering shrubs to be planted in the spring. Work is progressing on the hanging basket trees.
4. **PRESENTATION FROM SUSSEX PONY GRAZING & CONSERVATION TRUST**
5. **RAILWAY REPORT**
Report from John Coleman.
6. **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**
 - 6.1 **To note highway improvements at Crowborough Cross junction**
 - 6.2 **To agree installation of a bus shelter at Croft Road**
 - 6.3 **Update on request for double yellow lines to be installed at Beacon Gardens**
 - 6.4 **To consider a response to East Sussex County Council Highways Community Self-Serve Initiative**

- 6.5 To consider improvements to the lighting at Jarvis Brook pedestrian crossing as a match funding request**
- 6.6 Signs to indicate the boundaries of Jarvis Brook**
- 6.7 To note the recommendations on the future provision of bus services in East Sussex**
- 7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**
 - 7.1 To note the introduction of a Dog Control Order in Wealden**
 - 7.2 To consider a request for planting the anniversary bed at Chapel Green to commemorate the Canadian 70th anniversary**
- 8. CROWBOROUGH'S NATURAL HABITATS**
 - 8.1 To review report of tasks completed against Management Plans**
 - 8.2 To consider grazing the meadow at Palesgate Lane and submitting a grant application for fencing**
- 9. LIGHTING**
 - 9.1 To note report on lighting matters**
- 10. FINANCE**
 - 10.1 Management Accounts to 30th November and 31st December 2013**
- 11. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING and/or INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

RAIL REPORT for the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 28th JANUARY 2014

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee Meeting 8th January 2014

Southern did not attend the meeting.

The weather over the Christmas and New Year had been exceedingly wet and windy. Services were badly affected by landslides and fallen trees. The Uckfield line had fared better than most of the network but problems elsewhere did cause problems for passengers.

On occasion, short train formations continue to occur resulting from the overhaul and refurbishment programme which leaves even less than the usual number of spare units being available. The overhaul of the diesel train fleet is still expected to have been completed by the end of this month.

Fortunately, the major engineering works that took place over the holiday period seem to have gone well and were completed on time. The works which took place at Gatwick Airport, Coulsdon and Victoria involved track and signalling renewals and enhancements..

It is hoped that these improvement together with the newly opened Signalling Centre at Three Bridges will enable better reliability and time-keeping on the whole network. All five bidders have submitted tenders for the new Thameslink, Great Northern and Southern franchise and the winner is expected to be announced in May 2014.

OTHER

The Minister of Transport received Network Rail's London and South Coast Route Study last month. He has stated that the final version will appear within two months. This Study includes an assessment of the possible future role of the Uckfield Line and the reinstatement of the Lewes – Uckfield link.

J N Coleman
20th January 2014