

Agenda Item 24.50

Report to	Findon Parish Council
Meeting Date	13 May 2024
From	Fiona MacLeod, Clerk
Title of Report	Clerk report
Purpose of Report	For information/consideration

1. For information/action

- 1.1 Maggie Martin gave a very good talk on the work of the Cinnamon Trust at the Annual Parish Meeting last month, which was well received. Would Findon Parish Council (FPC) consider a contribution to the Trust ?
- 1.2 The annual Findon Sheep Fair takes place on Saturday 14 September 2024. Last year, FPC had a stand at a cost of £50.00. Does FPC wish to do the same again for 2024 ?
- 1.3 A review needs to be undertaken into the provision of grass cutting services in the parish, currently provided by A C Gardens (Sussex) Ltd. I will research other service providers and draft up the tender documentation, taking into account the cost, availability of service etc, together with the areas that need to be cut, and the special requirements of the wildflower areas.
- 1.4 The current greens mower is nearing the end of its working life after over five years of working hard to keep the grass areas well kept. It is likely that a newer greens mower will be required in the next financial year.
- 1.5 At a meeting of the Full Council on 9 May 2024, Dawn Hudd was appointed as CEO of Arun District Council. Since May 2023 Karl Roberts (Director of Growth) and Philippa Dart (Director of Environment and Communities) have been acting as interim CEOs and will continue to do so until Dawn Hudd is in role.
- 1.6 Sussex Police are seeking views from communities about issues on the roads around them to help inform their operation. FPC views can be submitted by visiting www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WC7DL as this will help to ensure resources can be allocated to this important issue in the locations needed. Sussex Police also operate Operation Downsway every weekend between April and October regarding anti-social driving behaviour and motorbike noise.
- 1.7 Andrew Griffith, MP, joined Amberley Museum volunteers for the presentation of the King's Award for Voluntary Services and has asked for nominations of volunteers who are highly deserving of this award so that he could consider adding a formal letter of support. <http://kavs.dcms.gov.uk/>
- 1.8 A request has been received from Findon Village WI to extend their annual display of poppies on Pond Green to mark Remembrance Day to also include a poppy arch over the unknown soldier silhouette. This would be a temporary metal garden type arch, approx. 2 metres high and 1.4 metres wide, covered in poppies.

2. Issues for consideration/ratification by full Council

2.1 Councillors are asked to consider the following items:

2.2 A contribution amount to the Cinnamon Trust as per para 1.1.

2.3 A stand at the September 2024 Findon Sheep Fair as per para 1.2.

2.4 A councillor to undertake research for a replacement greens mower as per para 1.4.

2.5 Submission of FPC views as per para 1.6.

2.6 Nominations as per para 1.7.

2.7 Request from Findon Village WI as per para 1.8.