

## **Agenda Item 25.59**

Report to	<b>Findon Parish Council</b>
Meeting Date	<b>19 May 2025</b>
From	<b>Fiona MacLeod, Clerk</b>
Title of Report	<b>Clerk report</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>For information/consideration</b>

### **1. For information/action**

- 1.1 The condition of the barrier at the A24 end of the Monarchs Way has been raised again by a resident. This is on private land and the landowners have been written too several times by FPC to rectify the position, however no action has been taken over the years by the landowners. Councillors will be aware of the correspondence.
- 1.2 The provision of a boundary line/security fence behind the Village Hall to replace the current heavy vegetation has been raised again by a resident. Councillors may recall that when this was considered by FPC in September 2022 it was agreed that although it could be included in the Strategic Plan, it was not a priority initiative. The estimated cost for such a fence in September 2022 was £3500.00 and is likely to be higher now.
- 1.3 The internal auditor, Smithe & Co, has confirmed that they are happy to continue to provide services to FPC after an initial year period. I was content with the service they provided last year.
- 1.4 Sussex Rural Crime Team will be running Street Surgeries for all interested parishes and FPC has been registered with them. Due to its popularity amongst parishes, no schedule is yet available.

### **2. Issues for consideration/ratification by full Council**

#### **2.1 Does FPC wish to:**

1. Re para 1.1 -Seek advice from West Sussex Assoc of Local Councils (WSALC) on the legality of installing secure barriers on private land and being able to reclaim the cost from the landowners, or take no further action;
2. Re para 1.2 – revisit the need of a new fence, or take no further action;
3. Re para 1.3 - approve the services of Smithe & Co as internal auditors for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years;