

Weekly RPC Clerks Update 22 – 28 July 2019

Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- Email received from WSCC Councillor Christian Mitchell – responding to Cllr Konecky's question regarding fire and rescue response time for Rudgwick. (Please see under "emails/communication from external organisations")
- Notebook has been found by parishioner on KGV field on Sunday morning (now in Parish Office)
- Letter on behalf of RPC regarding lack of enforcement actions in general and in specific EN/10/0219 and EN/19/0057 sent to HDC Chief executive.
- Appointed Pacer Projects to undertake minor work at KGV, Rudgwick Hall, Playgrounds and car parks.
- Confirmed roof repair for Jubilee Hall and Rudgwick Hall for 16th September, 2019.
- Two trees on church Road, opposite Pennthorpe School were felled 24th July 2019.
- Repairs to KGV to be undertaken in the next week.

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
HDC (Horsham District Council)
NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
SSALC (Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils)
WSCC (West Sussex District Council)

E-MAILS/COMMUNICATION from parishioners to the Council

- 24.7.2019 Email from parishioner regarding planning enforcement – forwarded to councillors.

E-MAILS/COMMUNICATION from external organisations to the Council

16.07.2019 Email from WSCC councillor Christian Mitchell

Dear Jonna,

Cllr Mrs. Sue Kornycky raised the matter of Fire and Rescue response times to Rudgwick at the recent meeting of the Parish Council this month and please find below and attached the answer in reply.

Please do share with Cllr Kornycky and the Chairman and members of the Parish Council.

Kind regards, Christian

From: Erica Keegan on behalf of Debbie Kennard
Sent: 16 July 2019 16:00
To: Christian Mitchell
Subject: Fire and Rescue Response Time in Rudgwick Village

Dear Christian,

Our Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer has helpfully provided the following information:

The attendance times are calculated dependant on the Risk rating of the SOA with Rudgwick falls in a Low risk area the attendance time for a Critical Fire in Rudgwick is 14 minutes for the first fire engine 17 minutes for the second fire engine and 13 minutes for a critical special service.

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service calculate risk within the county and produce a Critical Fire Risk Map that is published annually. This Risk Map is developed using three years of weighted historical data and information from the following:

- Dwelling fire rate,
- Other Critical building fires
- Dwelling fire casualties rate
- and the deprivation rate for each lower layer Super output area (SOA) in the County

Depending on the score, the SOA is given a Critical Fire Risk Grade. The resulting risk grade is then triangulated in relation to a calculated risk profile, the Risk Map is scrutinised by Group teams as to the suitability and verification, given their local knowledge of the areas and any other known risks.

A rolling three years of data is used as the basis of the current Critical Fire Risk Map. This information is refreshed annually with the current Critical Fire Risk Map remaining in force until the following March 31st.

It is known that fires and emergencies can happen at any given location, and West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (WSFRS) works to protect all communities across West Sussex.

It is recognised that there will be “pockets” within an SOA with a different risk profile, so to assist in identifying these, targeting information is made at individual household level using a range of factors, modelling and data sources. Direct referrals of individuals will always be the best method of identifying the most vulnerable.

I attach a Risk Map (2018-19) for your further information.

I hope that this assists yourself and the Parish Council.

Best Wishes,
Debbie

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The Rural Community Energy Fund

The [Rural Community Energy Fund](#) (RCEF) is a scheme specifically established to support community groups in rural parts of England to develop renewable energy projects.

The fund is aimed at projects that will generate energy for multiple buildings and bring economic and social benefits to the local community. Eligible projects may include wind, solar, biomass, heat pumps, anaerobic digestion, gas combined heat and power, and hydro power.

Organisations and groups are now being encouraged to register their interest in the scheme which can help pay for an initial feasibility study (up to £40,000), and for those successful in completing this stage the provision of funding to get the scheme through its development stage and apply for planning permission (up to £100,000). Please be aware that these are funds are not for capital purchases.

Applicants need to be a legal entity that has the authority to represent the local community. This can include parish councils, registered charities, development trusts, co-operatives and community interest companies (CIC).

Please note - eligibility is restricted to those representing a rural community of fewer than 10,000 residents (as defined by the Governments rural-urban definition). More information on this can be found in the guidance document and the local energy hub will be able to assist in clarifying this aspect.

Context

The Rural Community Energy Fund scheme is being managed by five regional local energy hubs on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

The hub covering the South East, which is responsible for both East Sussex (South East LEP) and West Sussex (Coast to Capital LEP) is contactable via info@energyhub.org.uk. Their role is to help you develop your project prior to submission and answer any questions you may have. We strongly recommend that potential applicants consult with them before commencing the application process.

How to apply:

In the first instance we encourage potential participants to:

1. [Read the Guidance Notes](#) which clarify the eligibility criteria and process.
2. Engage with the local energy hub to explore ideas and check the eligibility criteria via info@energyhub.org.uk.
3. Complete and return the [Pre-Application Questionnaire](#) Hubs will contact applicants after they have received the pre-application questionnaire to discuss and assist as needed, prior to completion of the stage 1 grant application form.
4. Submit a [Stage 1 Grant Application](#) (if appropriate)

The current **deadline for applications is 23 August 2019** for review by the RCEF funding panel in September 2019. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by 27 September 2019.

The following deadline will be in November 2019 with a RCEF funding panel review in December 2019 (dates to be confirmed). Quarterly application periods will then follow.



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NALC Chief Executive Blog

Read the latest blog from Jonathan Owen, NALC CEO. Updates this week include:

New prime minister and cabinet
Communities Framework to strengthen the role of local councils
Star Council Awards finalists announced
Give larger councils a voice in 2019!
Rural Coalition
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Draft Data Sharing Code of Practice - NALC Consultation

The **updated draft code of practice** will explain and advise on changes to data protection legislation where these changes are relevant to data sharing. The updated code is the overall result from ICO consultation with stakeholders in August 2018. NALC is minded to reiterate the main points from its March 2019 response to the most recent ICO consultation on freedom of information (key to data sharing):

1. ICO need to continue to work closely with NALC and the wider local council sector over the next three years to ensure that freedom of information (FOI) guidance and regulations are fit for purpose, as well as data sharing guidance

2. There are still too many vexatious FoI requests being made to England's local councils who are not resourced to deal with them; &
3. NALC agrees in principle with transparency but ICO needs to be aware that FoI for instance pushes the capacity envelope for local councils in terms of their ability to respond to requests which are not deemed "reasonable".

Consultation questions

NALC will be responding to the below consultation questions and is interested in the sector's views:

Question 1. Does the updated code adequately explain and advise on the new aspects of data protection legislation which are relevant to data sharing?

Question 3. Does the draft code cover the right issues about data sharing?

Question 11. Does the draft code strike the right balance between recognising the benefits of sharing data and the need to protect it?

Your views

Please email your responses to this consultation to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on Friday, 16 August, 2019.

26.07.2019 Email from NALC Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin

New prime minister and cabinet

I'm sure many of you have been keeping a close eye on the goings-on in Westminster this week, here's a short update:

- Boris Johnson beat Jeremy Hunt to become the new prime minister, uniting the country among key pledges in his first speeches
- James Brokenshire stood down as secretary of state for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), and was replaced by Robert Jenrick, the MP for Newark in Nottinghamshire
- Sajid Javid promoted to Chancellor and Rishi Sunak promoted to chief secretary to Treasury, replacing Liz Truss who becomes trade secretary;
- Esther McVey is the new housing minister in MHCLG, with Jake Berry remaining a minister but jointly with Cabinet Office – the new local government minister is yet to be announced

- Theresa Villiers is the new secretary of state for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- We tweeted congratulations to Robert Jenrick from [@nalc](#) and our chairman, **Cllr Sue Baxter**, and Sue has also written congratulating him on his appointment, saying she looks forward to working together to take forward the new Communities Framework and setting out our key asks for the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review – you can read more in our news story [here](#).

Communities Framework to strengthen the role of local councils

More on the Communities Framework, which I was delighted to see published earlier this week, and following representations by NALC – including through our role on the Communities Partnership Board – commits to strengthening the purpose and role of local (parish and town) councils, championing your important work, and exploring making it easier to set up new councils. Again, you can read more in our news story [here](#).

Star Council Awards finalists announced

Almost overshadowing Wednesday’s Cabinet appointments (!) was our announcement of the **finalists** in the Council, Councillor, Young Councillor and Clerk of the Year categories of our Star Council Awards. To find out more about the Council of the Year finalists and vote for your favourite [here](#). We also announced the County Association Project of the Year longlist, and in a new innovation this year aimed at showcasing the brilliant work of county associations, we have invited them to choose their favourite which will be combined with the judges votes. All winners will be announced at our Star Council Awards dinner held on the first night of our Annual Conference – you can be there to see the winners crowned by [booking](#) your conference place now.

Give larger councils a voice in 2019!

On 25 July we opened nominations to the Larger Councils Committee for directly elected candidates for 2020. The committee is a key special interest group for NALC and represents the interests of all larger local councils. There are **four elected councillor and two elected clerk** places – for more information and to download a nomination form click [here](#).

Rural Coalition

Promoting the interests of rural areas is a key priority for NALC and our Smaller Councils Committee,

one of the ways we take this forward is through the Rural Coalition, of which we are a key partner. Here are some highlights from the meeting held on 24 July:

- Lord Gardiner, minister for rural affairs, Defra, attended as it might have been his last meeting due to the reshuffle, and he reflected that he had enjoyed the Coalition's support, challenge and input over the last few years, thanking members for their contributions including at recent roundtables (which NALC attended) and noted that messages received had been picked up with others, and referenced the new prime minister's commitment to digital access across the country and raising funding for schools.
- He fed back on the **government's recent response to the House of Lords report on the rural economy** and stressed more needed to be done to embed rural proofing across government, which the Coalition could help with, with proposals including a senior leader in each government department to ensure services reflect rural/ countryside issues, and the creation of a Rural Affairs Board in Defra to act at senior level with other departments and organisations such as the Coalition to bring in their expertise.
- Finally he stressed that the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund needs to take account of rural areas where there is a high proportion of small businesses; NALC will be supporting this and calling for our sector to have an influence on its development and delivery

Trade Unions Pay Claim

The Trade Union Side of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has submitted their **pay claim for 2020** to the LGA, who will be consulting their councils via regional pay briefings during September and October. NALC's Management Board will be considering making representations on the pay claim at its meeting on 9 September, and if you have any views please let me have them by then.

LCR Summer 2019

Look out for the latest edition of *LCR*, which should land on your doorstep today. In this issue discover a whole range of articles, from our cover star Duncan Selbie, chief executive, Public Health England, who believes local councils are the bedrock to keeping the nation healthy, to the legalities of vaping in council buildings, and a call from outgoing Local Government Association chairman Lord Gary Porter for local councils to work with their principal authorities to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead. To read more and subscribe to *LCR* go to **www.nalc.gov.uk/lcrmagazine**.

Out and about

I was grateful this week to Sally Longmate, chief executive, Suffolk Association of Local Councils, for inviting me to a meeting with England's largest super district East Suffolk Council, to discuss how local councils can contribute to a really exciting initiative to set up community partnerships, bringing together other key agencies including health and police to address local concerns, with a small budget too. Great

for our councils to have a seat at that table!

And finally...

NALC warmly welcomed Elisabeth Skinner, academic leader, Society of Local Council Clerks and students from the Community Governance course, to our offices on 26 July. The students were clerks and deputy clerks studying for an advanced Level 4 qualification, building a deeper knowledge beyond the Certificate in Local Council Administration. Elisabeth provided feedback following the first set of assignments submitted in June, topics covered included planning, finance, and both community and organisational governance.

**26.07.2019 Email from HDC
Cabinet Minutes**

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[Friday, 26th July, 2019, 12.32 pm - Decision published: Piries Place car park pricing review, Cabinet.](#)

[Friday, 26th July, 2019, 12.32 pm - Decision published: Oakhurst Business Park - Proposed Investment, Cabinet.](#)

[Friday, 26th July, 2019, 12.32 pm - Decision published: Bulky Waste Collections Service, Cabinet.](#)

[Friday, 26th July, 2019, 12.32 pm - Decision published: Explore the Market Towns: Go Digital - Signage Project: Approval of a supplementary capital budget, Cabinet.](#)

[Friday, 26th July, 2019, 12.32 pm - Decision published: Horsham District Council Local Development Scheme, Cabinet.](#)

[Friday, 26th July, 2019, 12.32 pm - Decision published: Approval of Telephony and Contact Centre Procurement Tender Process, Cabinet.](#)

[Friday, 26th July, 2019, 12.32 pm - Decision published: Tender of the Council's contract for planned and preventative maintenance and reactive maintenance, Cabinet.](#)