Clerk's Report
Monday 14 March 2016

Practitioners Conference
Report issued by email previously – any questions?

The England Coast Path
Work is underway on the England Coast Path - a new long distance National Trail around the whole of England's coast which will give people the opportunity to access and enjoy some of our most diverse and stunning landscapes. Work is about to start on the stretch from South Hayling to East Head and people are invited you to one of the drop in sessions so that they can find out more and share their views on this exciting project. The remaining drop in sessions are at East Wittering Village Hall on 15th March and Birdham Village Hall on 18th March 2016.

Consultation on Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document
Consultation under Regulations 12 & 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Chichester District Council is undertaking consultation on a Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Surface Water and Drainage SPD expands on the objectives and policies of the adopted Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029. The Plan recognises that to deliver the growth sustainably and in a timely manner, the proper management of water and an understanding of whether existing infrastructure can cope with an increased demand are important. This SPD will be a material consideration when assessing planning applications or appeals and will be reviewed and updated periodically as necessary. The information contained within the SPD will also provide useful advice to developers and consultants when preparing planning applications to ensure that their development fully considers the water environment and how it should be managed. Consultation runs from 10th March to 21 April 2016.

Community Support Teams (formerly known as Highways Rangers) Consultation and Future Partnership Working

The County Council is reviewing a number of services they currently deliver focusing primary on areas of discretionary service. One of these is the Community Support Teams. These teams undertake small scale street scene improvements including the following:

- Clearing vegetation overhanging paths
- Some hedge trimming
- Siding pavements and clearing unsightly weeds
- Sign cleansing
- Removing unlawful signs
- Simple street furniture repairs and removal of sign clutter
- Hand clearing drainage grips and some ditches
- Clearing debris away from gully tops and small culverts

The provision of Community Support Teams, operated by our highway maintenance contractor Balfour Beatty, is an additional service that does not fulfil a statutory function. We are inviting Parish & Town Councils and Members to participate in this survey with regards to whether or not Parish & Town Councils might be interested in taking on some or all of these functions. We would also like to know what, if any support, would encourage the Parish & Town Council to do this.

Any other important matters that arise will be reported verbally at the meeting.