



## **Update on proposed infrastructure investment projects - April 2017**

Part of the Parish Council's vision for Rottingdean is to improve the environs of the Village for the benefit of residents and visitors.

Whilst we recognise that some of the projects we have been developing which involve the City Council are complex in design and delivery and require substantial work by ourselves and the City Officers in we remain disappointed with the progress made and are continuing to pressure the City Council to play their part.

### **Plans for the continuing improvement of Rottingdean are:**

#### **1. STREET LIGHTING IN THE CONSERVATION AREA**

Our aim is to improve the street scene within the Conservation Area by replacing the mixture of modern light columns and lanterns, with "Windsor Style" lanterns and columns more in keeping with the heritage of the village and similar to those in front of the Church and in Vicarage Lane.

This is to be done in a phased approach over the next two to three years, both to spread the cost and the work schedule. Our plan agreed with the City Council was to complete at least phase one, within this financial year. However, at the time of writing work has yet to start and it now seems unlikely to happen before the end of April 2017. The City Council is to meet some of the costs and the Rottingdean Preservation Society has agreed to contribute.

At the same time, all the Street lights will be converted to LEDs which provide a better whiter light than at present. An example can be seen in Golden Square, between Lloyds Chemist and TESCO. The lights will also be fitted with the capability for dimming; say between 11pm and 6am. The new lights will have a lower running cost and in general cost less in maintenance. It is planned for the first phase to begin at the start of May 2017.

#### **2. PARK ROAD PUBLIC TOILETS**

The aim is to refurbish the existing facility and to provide a disabled toilet

RPC is in discussions with the City Council who have yet to confirm a budget provision. This will be a shared Project between the Parish and the City Council.



### **3. THE LOWER HIGH STREET**

The aim is to create an area of shared use, for pedestrians in the Lower High Street, thus creating an open space between the White Horse and the Coach House and other retailers. This would increase accessibility & the popularity of that area enhancing the use of the Terraces for the enjoyment of local people and tourists.

The Parish Council has resolved to phase improvements. The first phase proposal is to create a shared space on the Quarterdeck, the paved area on the east side where the existing road extends to the front, above the steps to the undercliff and where recently a very ugly electricity kiosk has been removed. The plans are at an early stage and consultations with the City Council, residents and traders will be required.

### **4. SEAFRONT TERRACES**

The Parish Council will continue its work to improve access to the Terraces & seafront and is working with the City on ways to make the improvements.

### **5. ROAD SAFETY**

There are several ideas being developed aimed at improving access and pedestrian safety which collectively come under this heading.

The Parish Council is working with the City and have listed some 8 additional dropped kerbs to be completed.

A further crossing by the Green Northbound, north of Nevill Road/Steyping Road junction is being researched in the interests of pedestrian safety.

The general safety of pedestrians will also be researched.

### **6. SIGNAGE**

The aim is to review signage in the Village with a view to removing redundant and outdated signage and providing better visitor information, including to the Long Stay Car Park.