

## **Update on RALC meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Police – Emma Louise Philips was present and is the ongoing Brightling engagement officer. A new DI is awaited and may change the approach.

Presentation from Stephen O’Connell (SSRP Sussex Safer Roads Partnership) on reducing speeds through villages. He is available to present at local PC if requested to attend.

Cllr Keith Robertson gave an update on the RALC finances, which are moderate but healthy. A main takeaway is that Parish online subscription is now to be handled individually by PCs as RALC is not able to claim VAT which the PCs can do.

James Kelly from Balfour Beatty spoke regarding the East Sussex highways. He is looking to perform more audits on the sub-contractors, ensuring that they take the required photos before and after fixing pot holes. A request was made to upload the photos to the log online. A discussion around the value of SLR resulted in an undertaking to ensure that both Mark and Darren would attend future meetings and outstanding issues would be updated with current status.

Cllr John Barnes asked why pot holes could not be fixed correctly 1<sup>st</sup> time rather than temporary patching, Patches are done for safety reasons within a set elapsed time, to be followed by longer term fixes.

The CEO from Rother, Lorna Ford, was present. The Rother Local Plan is out for review, Geoff who wrote it and is well known amongst the parishes, has resigned.

Tom Warder from Action in Rural Sussex presented on Rural and Community led housing. It is hoped that Brightling PC will invite him to present. [www.sussexcommunityhousinghub.org](http://www.sussexcommunityhousinghub.org). Rural Exception site policy makes the houses available for local connections in perpetuity (No Right To Buy)

The next meeting is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> July @ 14.00

Cllr Coleman