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## Report to Joint East Arun Area Committee

### Bus Shelters

Following requests from Mr Ellis and others for bus shelters in various areas of the village, Angmering Parish Council conducted a survey of all bus stops without shelters and looked at the viability of each to provide one.

On each side of the route of the No. 9 bus, 14 locations that were identified as being able to accommodate a small shelter subject to approval from West Sussex County Council and Stagecoach. The survey investigated each location with regards to density of adjacent housing as well as the proximity of the next stop and need. Out of the 14 original bus stops, just 9 were found to be potentially suitable for a shelter.

West Sussex County Council were then approached for comments on the 9 locations identified, with the response being their specifications for bus shelters to enable the parish council to make decisions on the sites that we could progress.

A metal shelter in anti-vandal, galvanised and powder coated steel, costs approximately £3,000 and hardwood shelters approximately £7,000. The matter of funding was then investigated with contact being made to the **Bus Shelter Funding** publicised on the West Sussex County Council web page, with the response stating there was currently no funding for bus shelter grants due to pressure on budgets, and further advice was given to apply under the Community Highways Scheme.

Upon further investigation, involving discussions with Cllr. Urquhart, the parish was informed that an application submitted under this scheme for bus shelters would not earn anywhere near the number of points required to be successful. Other investigations into funding have all been unsuccessful also.

To help the parish council consider the matter further, Stagecoach conducted a driver assessment of the bus stops with the conclusion that shelters at sites in the **Palmer Road** and **Roundstone Lane** areas would provide the greatest benefit to the community should the Parish Council pursue a policy of providing new bus shelters. The requested location in Station Road, although still one of the 9 identified as possible, was not found to be the best value for money.

This information was taken to the Community, Leisure, Environment and Wellbeing Committee on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017, where the following decision was made:

**17/085 BUS SHELTERS**

***Members went through the supporting paperwork, although some bus shelters in specified locations were considered viable by WSCC and Stagecoach, funding was still an issue. It was AGREED by ALL that in the current Parish Council budget, bus shelters were not a priority, however if funds were to become available through other means or if someone wanted to donate/sponsor a bus shelter, the matter would be considered.***

All supporting paperwork is available to view on our website.

Members of the public who attend JEEAC need to understand that the committee does not necessarily have the money to pick up their particular requirements, and the same is true of parish councils. As it says in the minutes above, the parish council will consider requests for bus stops, if money become available to finance them. Until then, given Angmering Parish Council's other commitments, it is unlikely that they will come forward any time soon.

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