July 2017 report from Ian Jenkins, Rother District Councillor

NORTHLANDS, please refer to agenda of PC.

ROTHER BE ACTIVE. Sunday, 9th July.
Rother District Council held an event last weekend on the grounds surrounding The De La Warre Pavilion, Bexhill,  it brought together a large number of organisations associated with fitness, bringing together activities involving the whole family.

COUNTRYSIDE FOOTPATH.
Members may be interested to know that work is going on to create a footpath going from Bexhill to Crowhurst using the route of the old railway line.

BUS SERVICE.
The parish subsidised bus service has recently been discussed at Peasmarsh Parish Council Meetings. It is hoped that this service can be maintained so as to provide transport, it is important that everyone is able to get to appointments, especially to hospital or doctors surgery. While Northiam may  have better services, it is important that the partnership that exists should be maintained so that the costs can be shared to the local parishes who are served to a lesser degree.

COMMUNITY GRANTS.
As members are aware from previous conversations Rother District Council runs a Community Grants scheme, we are looking at ways that may speed up the decision process, specifically grants up to £500.

CAMBER ACCIDENT. The judgement was " by miss adventure".

MY ALERTS WEB PAGE.
I am sure many residents refer to this service to see when their  waste bins are to be emptied. What may not be realised is that local events that will take place in parishes can also be seen, allowing for advance information.

PEMBURY A21.
The major works are just about completed having been delayed by several months, the project overall is due for completion this September.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE. Debate and discussion is taking place in Bexhill over a wish to have a Town Council which I am sure will continue for some time, our rural communities need to be made aware not least because whatever the eventual outcome the impact will/would be on the whole of Rother District.

RDC, STAFF PAY AWARD. With all the discussion Nationally about pay in the public sector, this Year our staff had a 1.5% increase, with an additional award for the lower paid permanent staff in line with the Living Wage Foundation.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING PROJECT.
Monies have been granted for a 4 Year period to create a Sussex Community Housing Hub.