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Subject: Application for designation of verges as wildlife verges

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One of our parishioners is very passionate about the environment. She has been pressing for some of the rural verges to left grow and not be cut so often. Janna clarified for me that the way to do this is to apply to East Sussex Highways for the verges to be designated as wildlife verges for which the statutory minimum of cutting twice a year is reduced to once.

They are now applying online for the following verges to be designated as wildlife verges: Leeds Lane, Meres Lane, Stonehurst Lane, Treblers Road and Fir Toll Road. The application asks for evidence of approval from the parish council — which brings me to my point. Would you take this request to the Community Safety and Traffic Committee (which I think you chair) in January and I will table it for the Community Development Committee in December. (Janna, please note for agenda). I would hope that, with the support of both committees, the application will be successful.