

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks

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| Present: | David Cumberland (Chairman) | Peter Gibbons   |
|          | Jane Baker                  | Sue Hatton      |
|          | Chris Bere                  | Bill Hatton     |
|          | Leslie Campbell             | Paul King       |
|          | Steven Ecroyd               | Darryl Sinclair |
|          | Judith Foot                 | Frank Rylance   |
|          | Penny Wadsworth             | Ian Weir        |

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were District Councillor Gordon Marples and one member of the public.

**13/62 Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Alan Berry who was abroad. Apologies for absence were also received from PC Miles, and County Councillor Andy Petch, who was attending a CLC meeting.

**13/63 Declarations of Interest.** None.

*Public Participation.* There were no questions from the public.

**13/64 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**13/65 Police Report.** The crime statistics for Hassocks, previously circulated, were noted. It was agreed that the information was now in a satisfactory format.

**13/66 District Councillors' Report.**

Sue Hatton reported that a complaint had been received from a visually impaired resident regarding the new pedestrian crossing in Keymer Road adjacent to National Tyres. WSCC had responded that the signal control unit had been re-sited because it was larger than the unit it replaced.

Gordon Marples reported on the new settlement of 10,000 houses in Sayers Common being proposed by Mayfield Homes. MSDC had objected to the proposal, which was not in the MSDC District Plan, but there was pressure from Horsham and Brighton and Hove for a new settlement to meet some of their housing needs. A meeting had been arranged with Nicholas Soames MP, and Nick Boles, Under Secretary of State for Planning, on 20 June 2013 to discuss the attitude of the Planning Inspectorate to Neighbourhood Plans, to emphasise the need for the Inspectorate to give due weight to the emerging Neighbourhood Plans.

**13/67 County Councillor's Report.** A report from Andy Petch had been circulated. The parish council fully supported Andy Petch's efforts to get WSCC to take action on the state of the B2116 from Station Approach East to Stonepound.

**13/68 Planning Committee Meetings 7 and 28 May 2013.** The minutes were noted.

**13/69 Environment Committee Meeting 20 May 2013.** The minutes were noted. The council discussed the recommendations from the Parking Working Group. Members did not support the proposal to explore the possibility of using part of the Station Goods Yard site for additional station parking as this site had already been allocated for some commercial and housing development, and it would be very difficult to identify an alternative housing site in the village. The council RESOLVED:

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| a) To approach MSDC asking for a review of car parking arrangements in the Orion and Dale Avenue car parks  | IW |
| b) To approach MSDC and Affinity Sutton to convert the site adjacent to the Pauline Thaw Centre to long term parking  | IW |
| c) To approach WSCC to discuss the provision of additional short term parking at the southern end of Woodsland Road and Chancellors Park and the northern end of Downsview Road   | IW |
| d) To approach Network Rail for quick improvements in layout to increase parking capacity at Hassocks Station   | IW |
| e) To approach Network Rail to provide additional car parking area on Network Rail land adjacent to the station to achieve a significant increase in car parking capacity at Hassocks Station   | IW |
| f) To approach WSCC to request improvement to the Grand Avenue/Keymer Road junction, including provision of a mini roundabout, adjustments to pavement width to improve traffic flow and possible widening of the southern section of Grand Avenue to allow two narrow lanes and parking. | IW |
| g) To consult WSCC on possible passing places in residential roads, and submit a separate report to council   | IW |
| h) To ask WSCC to liaise with the Parking Working group to review issues in high response roads, and draw up an action plan with recommendations to council   | IW |
| i) To consult MSDC and Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Parish Council on the costs of a dedicated Parking Attendant for Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint, and for the parishes to specify the level of enforcement required, and  | IW |
| j) To carry out a consultation exercise involving adjacent parishes, SDNP, WSCC, and ESCC to explore whether a regular east-west bus route is feasible.   | IW |

The council thanked Ian Weir and the Parking Working Group for all the work they had done in compiling the report and recommendations.

**13/70 Grounds Committee Meeting 29 May 2013.** The minutes were accepted by the committee. The Chairman raised the question of the fire alarm in the Community Pavilion, which had been triggered without a fire in the building and suggested that the Grounds Committee should look at the response arrangements.

**13/71 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 16 May 2013.** The minutes were noted.

**13/72 Rail Matters.** The Rail Group had not met recently, but it was understood the station rebuild was due to be completed on 13 June 2013. Work would then start on the Access for All stage. Residents surrounding the station had been advised that this would involve some night and weekend working.

**13/73 Meetings of Outside Bodies.**

a) **CVS.** Sue Hatton had attended a meeting where long term plans had been discussed against the background of continuing financial constraints.

b) **Hurst & Hassocks Community Bus.** Peter Gibbons had attended a meeting. It was hoped to replace the current bus within the next year.

**13/74 Chairman's Remarks.**

a) **Planned Expansion of Hassocks Infant School.** Paul King reported that WSCC were planning to build a new wing on the school to solve the long term capacity problems arising from the expansion of the school to a three form entry from September 2013. A planning application would come forward in due course, and a public information event would be held in July 2013, with building work due to commence in the autumn term 2013 with completion by September 2014.

b) **Invitation from Wald-Michelbach.** A letter had been received from Wald-Michelbach inviting councillors to attend a three way Twinning event in Germany with Montmirail on 20/21 July 2013. No councillors were available to attend the event but it was agreed a response would be sent thanking Herr Kunkel for the invitation.

**13/75 Clerk's Report.** There were no issues to report.

**13/76 Financial Report.** The Financial Report and list of cheques presented for May 2013 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**13/77 Sub-Committees.** RESOLVED that Steven Ecroyd was appointed as a members of the Grounds and Neighbourhood Plan sub-committees.

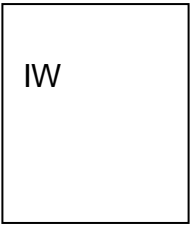
**13/78 Beacon Centre.** Ian Weir reported that he and Jane Baker had met Aspreys and then WSCC to discuss the future of the Beacon Centre, and a meeting had been held on 10 June 2013 with Aspreys, CCHF, WSCC and County Councillor Andy Petch to discuss a way forward. It was suggested that a community engagement exercise should be carried out in September 2013 to ascertain what community uses the centre could be

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put to and who might be interested in running the centre. A recommendation on a community engagement process, and indicative running costs, would be put to the July 2013 meeting of the parish council for consideration.

**13/79 Correspondence.** None.



There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Chairman.....

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