

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 February 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present:	Bill Hatton (Chairman)	Sue Hatton
	Chris Bere	Paul King (for items 3-10)
	Leslie Campbell	Frank Rylance
	David Cumberland	Penny Wadsworth
	Judith Foot	Ian Weir
	Peter Gibbons	

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present was one member of the public.

13/11 Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Jane Baker, Alan Berry and Phil Mead. Apologies for absence were also received from PC John Miles, District Councillor Gordon Marples, and County Councillor Colin Wilsdon.

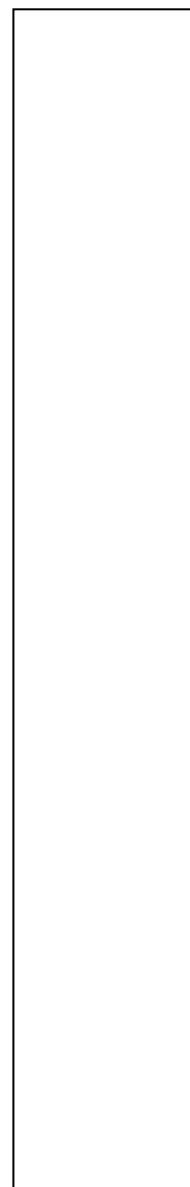
13/12 Declarations of Interest. None.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation. There were no questions from the public.

13/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2013. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/14 Reports.

- a) **Police Report.** A note of the crime statistics for January 2013 had been circulated, together with a news report of a theft of millstones from Jill Mill. David Cumberland reported that security at Oldland Mill was being reviewed following the latter theft.
- b) **District Councillor's Report.** Sue Hatton reported MSDC was finalising the budget for 2013/14 and that an under-spend of £100,000 for the current year was being used for improvements to the Triangle and some MSDC sports pavilions.
- c) **County Councillor's Report.** Colin Wilsdon had submitted a report on:
 - Beacon Centre. No further information was available.
 - WSCC council tax would be frozen for 2013/14, taking advantage of a government grant of £3.8m
 - OFSTED had started inspecting the Children's Safeguarding operation.
 - WSCC had been awarded a grant of £227,000 from the Sustainable Transport Fund to improve access to the South



Downs National Park. £18,000 would be allocated to Hassocks for improving the Cinder Path.

- Discussions had been held with WSCC and SDNP regarding the creation of a mixed use path on the west side of the railway from the Weald to Misty Bridge. Leslie Campbell and Ian Weir would liaise regarding an article in Talk About, and the HPC Environment Committee would keep the initiative under review.

d) Planning Committee Meetings 2 and 21 January 2013. The minutes were noted.

e) Grounds Committee Meeting 30 January 2013. The minutes were noted. On the question of the arrangements for pitch inspections ahead of football being played on the Adastra playing fields, it was agreed that Chris Bere would be responsible for checking the pitches on Saturday mornings and notifying the football club if they were unfit for play, and in his absence, David Cumberland or Alan Berry would inspect as necessary. It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) The quotation from Horizon Building Services to resurface the Adastra Car Park would be accepted.
- (ii) The new Agreement with the Adastra Bowling Club was approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign it,
- (iii) The Adastra Bowling Club would not be asked to transfer to the Parish Council the reserve it was holding for the replacement of the green, and
- (iv) The council's earmarked reserve for the replacement of the green would be transferred to general reserves.

f) Rail Matters. Chris Bere reported that the foundations for the new station should be completed this week, and the steel works delivered to site. The official opening should take place at the end of May 2013. After that the Access for All works would commence. The holm oak would be felled this week in preparation for the work.

g) Report from Councillors on Meetings of Outside Bodies.

- (i) **County Local Committee, 17 January 2013.** Ian Weir had attended and topics discussed included the Green Circle Rights of Way, the Goddards Green Sewage Plant capacity, NHS Commissioning, and Traffic Regulation Orders.
- (ii) **Oldland Mill Trust.** David Cumberland had attended a meeting. As the mill was now fully restored the emphasis had changed from a restoration project to looking at managing the mill and generating income to cover running costs.
- (iii) **Community Bus.** Peter Gibbons reported on route changes coming into effect on 11 February 2013.
- (iv) **Hassocks Traders Association.** Leslie Campbell and Penny Wadsworth had attended a meeting on 6 February 2013. The

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committee had resigned, and no new members had come forward to run the Association. If a new committee could not be formed by 2 May 2013 the Association would be wound up.

- (v) **Burgess Hill Green Circle.** Leslie Campbell and Bill Hatton had attended a meeting on 23 January 2013. The proposals to upgrade some footpaths and bridleways had been welcomed.

13/15 Chairman’s Remarks.

- a) **Montmirail.** New Year greetings to Hassocks had been received from Montmirail.
- b) **MSLAC.** Bill Hatton had attended a recent MSALC meeting, which had been well supported. Neighbourhood Planning had been discussed.

13/16 Clerk’s Report. There were no matters to report.

13/17 Financial Report. The financial report and list of cheques presented for January 2013 were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

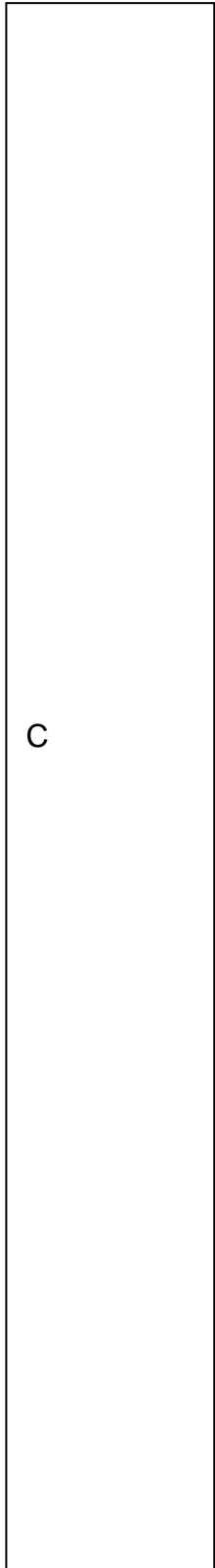
13/18 Mobile Refuse Collections 2013/14. The council RESOLVED that the following collections would be funded for 2013/14:

May	Dale Avenue
June	Belmont Close
July	Dale Avenue
August	Belmont Close
September	Dale Avenue
October	Belmont Close
November	Dale Avenue
February	Belmont Close

13/19 Circulation of Agendas and Papers Electronically. Frank Rylance proposed that in future agendas and papers should be sent to councillors electronically, to reduce the amount of paper being circulated by the parish office. Councillors did not support the proposal because they would have to print the material, and had to meet their own costs of printing. It was RESOLVED that the current system of circulating hard copies of meeting agendas, papers and minutes should continue.

13/20 Correspondence.

- a) **WSCC Broadband Update.** The letter dated 4 February 2013 from WSCC was noted. Ian Weir reminded members that in March 2013 Hassocks, including Clayton, would get superfast broadband.



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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Chairman..... Date.....