

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present:	Bill Hatton (Chairman)	Judith Foot
	Jane Baker	Peter Gibbons
	Chris Bere	Sue Hatton
	Alan Berry	Paul King
	Leslie Campbell	Phil Mead
	David Cumberland	Penny Wadsworth
	Ian Weir	

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were District Councillor Gordon Marples, County Councillor Colin Wilsdon and one member of the public.

**13/21 Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Frank Rylance.

**13/22 Declarations of Interest. None.**

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

**13/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**13/24 Reports.**

- a) **Police Report.** The police report for February 2013 was noted. Jane Baker would seek further information on some of the crimes recorded, and the issue of drugs in school at the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting.
- b) **District Councillors' Report.** Gordon Marples reported that the MSDC budget for 2013/14 had been agreed with a zero council tax increase. The District Plan would be considered by council in March 2013. There was pressure on the district to provide more housing to meet requirements in Brighton and Hove, and it was understood that Horsham District were still interested in developing a new settlement to the west of Mid Sussex, so there were a number of external pressures on MSDC as it developed its plan, as well as taking into account the outcome of town and parish Neighbourhood Plans. .
- c) **County Councillor's Report.** Colin Wilsdon reported on potholes. WSCC had clarified that pre-surface patching works should be carried out in the year before surface dressing. While Keymer Road

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to Stonepound Crossroads was in the 2013/14 programme for surface dressing, pre-surface patching had not yet been carried out. Jane Baker pointed out that Underhill Lane was also in urgent need of attention.

The WSCC budget had been agreed with a zero council tax increase. An Ofsted inspection on safeguarding had taken place but the results had not yet been published. There was no further information on the Beacon Centre. Colin conformed that he would not be standing for re-election to WSCC in May 2013.

**d) Planning Committee Meetings, 11 February and 4 March 2013.**

The minutes were noted.

**e) Environment Committee Meeting, 5 February 2013.** The minutes were noted.

**f) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, meeting 21 February 2013.**

The minutes were noted.

**g) Policy, Resources and Communications Committee Meeting 26 February 2013.** The minutes were noted.

**h) Rail Matters.** There was nothing to report. The next meeting of the Rail Group would be held on 19 April 2013.

**i) Report from Councillors on Meetings of Outside Bodies where the Council is Represented.** Ian Weir and Leslie Campbell reported on a SDNP meeting on 8 March 2013. The SDNP were developing policies, largely based on models from other National Parks. There had been considerable criticism from town and parish delegates regarding the way the SDNP handled planning applications, and HPC was taking up a number of specific points with the SDNP on the administration of planning applications.

**13/25 Chairman's Remarks.**

**a) Resignation of Phil Mead.** As it was his last meeting as a councillor, the Chairman, on behalf of the council, paid tribute to the work Phil Mead had done, both as Chairman of the Village Design Working Group from 2005 - 2008, and as a councillor on Hassocks Parish Council since 2008. Phil had made a considerable contribution on planning and environmental matters, but probably his most tangible legacy would be his work on instigating and developing a street tree planting scheme in the village, where the results would be of benefit to the village for decades to come, and had been greatly appreciated by local residents. .

**13/26 Clerk's Report.**

**a) Adastra Car Park.** The Clerk reported that resurfacing work had been due to be carried out on 11 and 12 March 2013, but had been deferred because of the weather conditions.

**13/27 Financial Report.** The financial report and list of cheques presented for February 2013 were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**13/28 Resignation of Phil Mead.** It was noted that Phil Mead had tendered his resignation with effect from 13 March 2013.

The council RESOLVED to declare a vacancy for a councillor in Keymer North ward, and noted that the vacancy would be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972.

**13/29 Bank Mandate.** Phil Mead was on the current Barclays Bank mandate, so it was agreed that he should be replaced following his resignation.

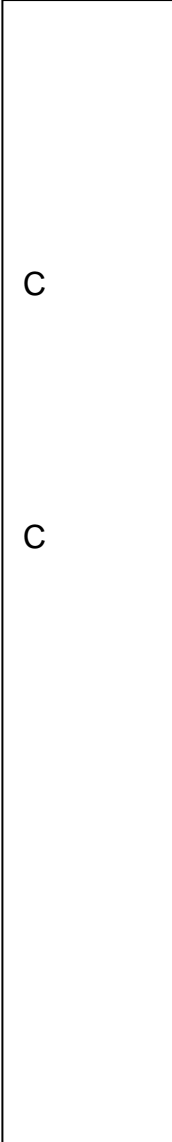
RESOLVED that David Cumberland should replace Phil Mead on the Barclays Bank Mandate. Bill Hatton and Leslie Campbell would remain on the mandate.

**13/30 Committee Membership.**

- a) **Hassocks Community Partnership.** RESOLVED that Judith Foot would be the HPC representative on the HCP, in place of Phil Mead
- b) **Adastra Hall Management Committee.** RESOLVED that Sue Hatton would be the HPC representative on the Adastra Hall Management Committee in place of Judith Foot who wished to withdraw from the committee.
- c) **Environment Committee.** RESOLVED that Phil Mead would be co-opted as a non-voting member of the Environment Committee.

**13/31 Correspondence.**

- a) **Concessionary Fares Scheme.** It was noted that WSCC had appointed Euclid to administer the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme on behalf of WSCC with effect from 1 April 2013.



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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

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