

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9 April 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present:	Bill Hatton (Chairman)	Sue Hatton
	Judith Foot	Jane Baker
	Peter Gibbons	Chris Bere
	Alan Berry	Penny Wadsworth
	Leslie Campbell	Frank Rylance
	David Cumberland	

Assistant: Pat Elliott

Also present were County Councillor Colin Wilsdon, PC John Miles and one member of the public.

13/32 Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Weir and Paul King. An apology for absence was also received from Gordon Marples.

13/33 Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest. *The meeting was adjourned for public participation. There were no questions from the public.*

13/34 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2013. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/35 Reports

a) Police Report.

PC John Miles reported the following crime statistics:

In the week 11 – 17 March there were 27 calls to Sussex Police relating to Hassocks of which 3 were recorded as crimes.

18 -24 March, 25 calls with 5 crimes.

25 -31 March, 19 calls with 3 crimes.

1 – 7 April, 40 calls with 4 crimes.

Among the crimes were 2 burglaries, one of which a house and one an outbuilding and 1 Downlands School incident.

PC Miles also reported that on several occasions a device had been placed on Barclays Bank ATM in an attempt to fraudulently obtain cards.

b) District Councillors' Report. None.

c) County Councillor's Report. Colin Wilsdon reported that the London Road crossing was now operating, but there had been a few complaints that the money should have been spent repairing potholes. The Grand Avenue traffic calming scheme has also caused complaints, but it has been explained that Barratts are meeting the cost as a planning condition. As this was Colin's final report as a County Councillor he summarised the positives as 2 major road crossings and improved bus services for Hassocks, but challenges remain with school capacity and the lack of youth services. The Chairman thanked Colin for his work.

- d) **Planning Committee, meeting 25 March 2013.** The minutes were noted.
- e) **Grounds Committee, meeting 27 March 2013.** The minutes were noted
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, meeting 21 March 2013.** The minutes were noted.
- g) **Rail Matters.** The anticipated completion date for the station rebuild is now mid June, the delay having been caused by an uncharted well that had to be capped.
- h) **Report from Councillors on Meetings of Outside Bodies where the Council is Represented.** None.

13/36 Chairman’s Remarks. As this is the last meeting of the year, the Chairman thanked all councillors for their attendance and hard work. As he has served five years as Chairman, he will not be standing again and on a personal basis thanked all for their support and enthusiasm.

13/37 Clerk’s Report. None.

13/38 Financial Report. The financial report and list of cheques presented for March 2013 were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

13/39 Request from Adastra Bowling Club for materials. After a vote it was resolved to approve the request from the Bowls Club, dated 25 March 2013, for the purchase of materials totalling £657.35.

13/40 Date of Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 21 May 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

13/41 Request for Parish Council Representative on Communal Open Space Working Group. Penny Wadsworth volunteered to be the Parish Council representative on the Communal Open Spaces Working Group on the condition that the meetings will take place during the day. Chris Bere volunteered as reserve.

13/42 Correspondence

- a) **Waste Water Treatment Works at Goddards Green.** The correspondence from Susan Knight, Chairman South Mid Sussex County Local Committee and from Southern Water relating to the capacity of the wastewater treatment works at Goddards Green was noted.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.07pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

