

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

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

Clerk: Linda Baker

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

13/80 Apologies for Absence. An apology for absence was received from Alan Berry.

13/81 Declarations of Interest. None.

Public Participation. There were no questions from the public.

13/82 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2013. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/83 Reports:

a) Police Report. PC John Miles reported on the crime statistics for June 2013. There were no serious incidents. Jane baker reported that travellers were being moved from a site in Brighton and might be looking for alternative sites in Mid Sussex. MSDC had established procedures for reporting traveller incursions, and barriers had been improved on MSDC land such as Clayton Green.

b) District Councillors' Report. Sue Hatton reported:

- The District Plan consultation period had now closed
- The Community Infrastructure Levy: Draft Charging Schedule Publication was now out for consultation
- Proposals to replace the Area Planning Committees by two planning committees which would consider applications across the district were being submitted to the MSDC Constitutional Committee for approval.

c) County Councillor's Report. Andy Petch reported:

- A meeting had been held to discuss the Beacon Centre



- He had met representatives of the Weald to discuss the path to Misty Bridge which had been used as an unofficial footpath
 - WSCC were looking into improving the surface of the footpath K12 from Lodge Lane, as it was un-useable in winter. Tom Weadon of WSCC had met the landowner to discuss possible resurfacing, and the views of residents whose property adjoined the path, would be sought.
 - The cycle path from Burgess Hill to Hassocks was overgrown, and WSCC had asked the BHTC Maintenance Team to cut back the vegetation, and clear the grass from the path in the autumn. It was reported that the pathway from South Downs Nursery to Clayton on the west side of the A273 Brighton Road was overgrown with grass, and Andy Petch would take this up, along with the overgrown vegetation around the bus stop opposite the Jack & Jill pub.
 - There would be a letter in the Mid Sussex Times this week regarding work on the highway up to Stonepound Crossroads, which was due to start on 16 September 2013.
 - Parish councillors had been circulated with details of the remedial work which WSCC would be carrying out on Spitalford Bridge.
 - Andy Petch was taking up the question of a property in Grand Avenue which had been burgled twice
 - WSCC were discussing the proposals for a second runway at Gatwick, although the county had no influence over the decision. Andy Petch was opposed to a second runway as it would put even more pressure for development in Mid Sussex.
- d) **Planning Committee Meeting, 17 June 2013.** The minutes were noted.
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 20 June 2013.** The minutes were noted.
- f) **Environment Committee Meeting 25 June 2013.** The minutes were noted.
- g) **Policy, Resources & Communications Committee Meeting, 27 June 2013.** The minutes were noted.
- h) **Rail Matters.** The official opening of the new Hassocks Station had taken place on 5 July 2013, and councillors David Cumberland, Bill Hatton, Sue Hatton, Peter Gibbons and Ian Weir had attended. Work had now started on the Access For All, and should be completed by December 2013.

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i) Report from Councillors on Meetings of Outside Bodies.

- (i) MSDC Training on Sustainability Appraisals for Neighbourhood Plans.** Sue Hatton, Bill Hatton and Judith Foot had attended the event on 4 July 2013, which outlined the requirement for an evaluation of the environmental impact of a Neighbourhood Plan as required under EU Directive 2001/42/EC. This would be considered at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working group.
- (ii) Burgess Hill Green Circle.** Leslie Campbell and Bill Hatton had attended a meeting looking at ponds being restored near the Triangle.

13/84 Chairman's Remarks. David Cumberland had attended the opening of the new Hassocks station, which had gone well, and he had attended the public presentation on the building work at Hassocks Infant School. Paul King reported that building work was due to start in the autumn 2013, with completion in July/August 2014. Concern was expressed that WSCC did not have any long term plans to solve the problem of lack of local school places.

13/85 Clerk's Report. There were no issues to report.

13/86 Financial Report. The Financial; Report and list of cheques presented for June 2013 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

13/87 The Beacon Centre. RESOLVED that the council, with assistance from WSCC, will publicise and run a Community Engagement exercise on Saturday 14 September 2013 at the Beacon Centre.

13/88 MSDC Community Service Award. RESOLVED that Derek Earl and Margaret Ford are nominated for an MSDC Community Service Award.

13/89 Light Up Hassocks Funding for a Marching Band. RESOLVED that the council will make a donation of £250 from the grants budget to fund the attendance of the Burgess Hill Youth Marching Band at Light Up Hassocks in December 2013.

13/90 Closure of Hassocks Traders Association. The letter dated 28 June 2013 to the Parish Council Chairman from the HTA was noted. RESOLVED that the council agrees to hold £500 in a reserve account for the HTA as a potential start up fund for a future trader's group.

13/91 Correspondence. None.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

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