

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

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

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were PC John Miles, PC Upton, County Councillor Colin Wilsdon and eight members of the public.

**12/127 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Phil Mead, Paul King, who had a work engagement, and Judith Foot, who was unwell.

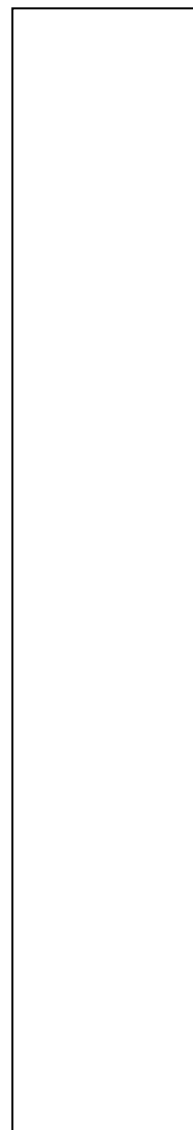
**12/128 Declarations of Interest.** None.

*The meeting was adjourned for public participation A note of the comments from the public is attached at attachment 1.*

**12/129 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 November 2012, and the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 21 November 2012.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, with the deletion of the reference to the time the Extra-Ordinary meeting closed.

#### **12/130 Reports.**

- a) **Police Report.** PC John Miles reported on crime statistics in the village for November 2012. There had been no serious incidents. In response to a question regarding parking, he confirmed that MSDC were the parking enforcement authority. The police could deal with vehicles causing an obstruction, but in reality the police did not have the resources to deal with parking problems which were an issue everywhere, particularly around schools. Sue Hatton thanked the police for their presence at the Light Up Hassocks event.
- b) **District Councillor's Report.** Sue Hatton reported that MSDC was working on the budget for 2013/14, and the changes to the tax base calculations, which were still not clear .
- c) **County Councillor's Report.** Colin Wilsdon reported that the WSCC budget for 2013/14 was still uncertain as the changes to the tax base were unlikely to be clear before January 2013. He understood that Kangaroos were withdrawing from their bid to take over the Beacon



Centre, but had not had confirmation of this from WSCC. If no-one took over youth provision on the site, WSCC would remove all their equipment and mothball the site.

- d) **Planning Committee Meeting 19 November 2012.** The minutes were noted.
- e) **Environment Committee Meeting 8 November 2012.** The minutes were noted. Leslie Campbell reported that he and Ian Weir had arranged an informal meeting with SDNP representatives in January 2013 to discuss footpaths, and would report back to the Environment Committee.
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.** The minutes were noted. RESOLVED that Penny Wadsworth would become a member of the Working Group.
- g) **Grounds Committee Meeting, 28 November 2012.** The minutes were noted. It was noted that the Chairman of the Grounds Committee is responsible for deciding if football could take place on the Adastra Park pitches, depending on the state of the ground, and informing the clubs accordingly. It was RESOLVED that the chipman unit in the children's play area would be replaced by a Wickstead Woodland Gnu, at a cost of £6,825, plus VAT, as the unit had reached the end of its useful life.
- h) **Policy, Resources and Communications Committee Meeting, 4 December 2012.** The minutes were noted.
- i) **Rail Matters.** The station rebuild had commenced and demolition of the existing station would start shortly.
- j) **Report from Councillors on Meetings of Outside Bodies.** None.

**12/131 Chairman's Remarks.** The Chairman had attended Light Up Hassocks on 30 November 2012, and the event had gone well. There had been some traffic issues which would be fed back to the organisers.

**12/132 Clerks Report.** There were no issues to report.

**12/133 Financial Report.** The financial report and list of cheques presented for November 2012 were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**12/134 WSCC Partnership Working Scheme.** WSCC had changed the terms of the Partnership Working Scheme with Burgess Hill Town Council, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Cuckfield Parish Councils for routine and reactive highway working. As the parishes no longer had a role in the arrangement, but could have legal liability as signatories to a new agreement, the parishes had concluded that there was no benefit in being a party to the new arrangements. In practice the working arrangements would not change, and the parishes would have a side letter of agreement with BHTC. It was agreed that the new contract would be circulated for information at the next meeting of the council.

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