

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Ian Weir (Chairman) Penny Wadsworth
Leslie Campbell Peter Gibbons
Sue Hatton

Clerk: Linda Baker

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Darryl Sinclair and Phil Mead.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** None.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 June 2014.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 4. Tree Planting.** There was nothing to report.
- 5. Parking Working Group: Update.** Ian Weir reported that a meeting of the Parking Working Group would be held on 11 September 2014 at 10.00 am. MSDC had agreed to a re-lining of the parking bays in the Orion and Dale Avenue car parks, which would create additional parking spaces. WSCC had included the Hassocks/Keymer Traffic and Parking Scheme in its 2015-16 Infrastructure Programme, with initial work starting in autumn 2014. It was agreed that residents should be kept informed of developments, and Ian Weir would draft an update for the website and an article for Talk About.
- 6. Public Rights of Way.** Leslie Campbell had completed the Hassocks path inspection in August 2014. There were no serious issues to report and the paths were generally in a good state. There were some long standing problems with the paths near Woodbine Cottage and north of Coldharbour Farm, but these would be expensive to resolve. On footpath 12K, a resident was concerned about the top dressing on the new surface not being adequate. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to John Perks at WSCC expressing the council's thanks for having the path resurfaced, but suggesting that the top dressing might need to be re-applied to ensure the long term stability of the path.
Ian Weir and Leslie Campbell would consider if there were any other paths in the village which might need re-surfacing, where the parish council might be able to take a lead, in co-operation with WSCC and the landowner, and would report to the next meeting.
- 7. Street Furniture: Waste Bins.** Ian Weir had contacted MSDC regarding waste bins, and the contractor's preference was for bins with a kick plate which could be opened and closed easily. These had been installed in Haywards Heath, and Ian Weir was going to look at the bins,

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and put proposals to the next meeting for a programme of replacing the waste bins in Hassocks with the kick plate type of bin.

8. **Parklands Copse.** Ian Weir had spoken to the owner of the land to the east of Parklands Copse, and he had no objection to people accessing the permissive footpaths on his land from Parklands Copse. The permissive rights over his land extended to July 2019. Ian Weir was progressing quotations for an ecology report on Parklands Copse.
9. **Hanging Baskets 2015.** Penny Wadsworth reported that she had contacted retailers in the village about having hanging baskets outside their premises, and she was speaking to the supplier of the hanging baskets in Hurstpierpoint, and to South Downs Garden Centre regarding baskets for the village in 2015. It was noted that landlord agreement would be required if baskets were fixed to shop premises. Penny Wadsworth would put proposals and costs to the next meeting.
10. **Date of Next Meeting.** 3 November 2014 at 7.30 pm.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

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