

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

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

Clerk; Linda Baker

Also present were County Councillor Andy Petch and one member of the public.

14/9 Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Jane Baker, who had her NGS Open Garden day, Chris Bere and Judith Foot, who were abroad, and Alan Berry, who had a work commitment. Apologies were also received from PCSO Jade Harrison, and District Councillor Gordon Marples, who had an MSDC meeting.

14/10 Declarations of Interest. Ian Weir declared an interest in item 4 (f) as a member of the Beacon Centre Management Committee.

Public Participation. A note of the comments from the public is attached at attachment 1.

14/11 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2014. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14/12 Reports.

(a) Police Report. The crime statistics were noted.

(b) District Councillor's Report. Sue Hatton reported that MSDC were working on the budget for the next financial year.

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

- WSCC council would meet on 14 February 2014 to discuss the budget and arrangements for replacing the Chief Executive role
- The next CLC meeting was on 12 March 2014 at 7.00 pm at St Paul's School
- Water main works would be carried out in Underhill Lane from 17 March to 10 April 2014
- Andy Petch would be meeting the WSCC highways case officer to discuss the Ham Fields planning application on 21

February 2014 at 3.30 pm in Horsham. Leslie Campbell would attend, and Frank Rylance would confirm if he was available to attend.

- Andy Petch would meet the WSCC project manager for the Parking Traffic Plan after the Parish Council Parking Working Group Meeting on 27 February 2014.
- Pot Holes. Tim Boxall of WSCC had been in the village earlier in the day looking at pot holes, and some repair work had been done at Stonepound Crossroads. Andy Petch would liaise with him over urgent repairs.

(d) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 23 January 2014.

The minutes were noted.

(e) Planning Committee Meeting 27 January 2014. The minutes were noted.

(f) Environment Committee Meeting 3 February 2014. The minutes were noted. It was noted that the question of a Hassocks Energy Audit would be discussed at the next meeting. On the question of parking, further discussions would be held with MSDC, WSCC and Network Rail, but realistically it would be a year to eighteen months until any measures were in place.

RESOLVED that the council supports the efforts by the Beacon Centre Management Committee to find a long term future for the Beacon Centre as a community facility, on the understanding that at this stage the council has made no financial commitment with regard to the Beacon Centre, and that therefore, in this respect, sub paragraph 1 on page 6 of the draft Beacon Centre Business Plan (previously circulated), is inaccurate.

(g) Rail Matters. Leslie Campbell reported on the Rail Group meeting held on 7 February 2014. The lifts should be completed by March 2014, with an official opening in May 2014. Network Rail had agreed to clean the steps to the Keymer Road on the west side of the station. The parking cost on Saturdays had been reduced to £2.00. It was hoped that new planters for the station would be made by the Monday Group and these would be maintained by the Aldingbourne Trust, who maintained planters for a number of stations.

(h) Meetings of Outside Bodies.

Green Circle. A meeting had been held on 22 January 2014 attended by Leslie Campbell and Bill Hatton. MSDC had abandoned the idea of trying to establish a cycle link on the west side of the railway line as one landowner had objected. Articles regarding a new etc.

Downlands. A meeting had been held earlier in the day, attended by Ian Weir and Andy Petch, and a note of the meeting had been circulated. Downlands were looking at the possibility of green energy

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measures in consultation with the KHD Transition Group, and at possible expansion of the school buildings to meet projected demand in 2017.

14/13 Chairman’s Remarks. There were no items to raise.

14/14 Clerk’s Report. There were no items to raise.

14/15 Financial Report. The Financial Report and list of cheques presented for January 2014 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

14/16 Mobile Refuse Collections. It was noted that eight mobile refuse collections had been arranged for 2014/15, funded by the Parish Council.

14/17 Priority Issues for the WSCC Communities Issues List. Following discussion, the council identified the following items for possible inclusion:

Hassocks Parking Plan

Traffic calming on the Keymer Road through the village

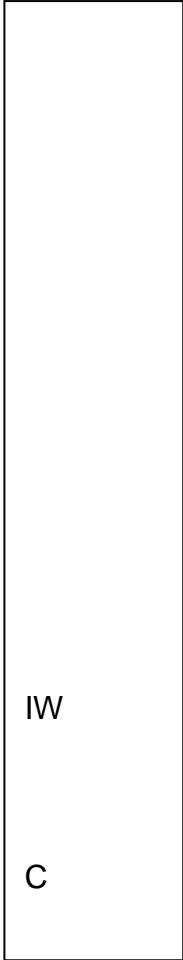
Widening of footpaths Station Approach East to Stonepound and

Stonepound to Clayton

RESOLVED that the Environment Committee would discuss the issues, canvas public opinion, and put proposals to council for approval before September 2014.

14/18 Materials for the Adastra Bowling Green. The request from the Adastra Bowling Club for materials for the bowling green, at a total cost of £400.80, was APPROVED.

14/19 Correspondence. None.



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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Shaun Phillips expressed concern about the request from the Aداstra Bowling Club for materials for the bowling green in Aداstra Park because it had been made very late for materials required in two weeks, there were other issues which were due to be discussed at the 27 November 2013 Grounds meeting, which had been cancelled, which had not yet been dealt with, and with the current weather she doubted if this was a suitable time to apply moss killer to the green.