

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman should be an ex-officio member of all council committees.

14/44 Representatives on Outside Bodies. The following were appointed to represent the council:

- a) **Adastra Hall Management Committee.** Sue Hatton.
- b) **Ditchling Local Area Transport Group.** Ian Weir.
- c) **Hassocks Amenity Association Rail Group.** Leslie Campbell, Chris Bere, Peter Gibbons.
- d) **Hassocks Community Partnership.** Darryl Sinclair
- e) **Hassocks Twinning Association.** Sue Hatton.
- f) **Police Neighbourhood Panel.** Jane Baker
- g) **Mid Sussex Council for Voluntary Service.** Sue Hatton.
- h) **Mid Sussex District Association of Local Councils.** Ian Weir.
- i) **MSDC Green Circle Steering Group.** Leslie Campbell, reserve, Bill Hatton.
- j) **Oldland Mill Trust.** David Cumberland.
- k) **WSCC South Mid Sussex County Local Committee.** Ian Weir.

14/45 Appointment of Auditor. RESOLVED that Mr Shrubsole would be appointed internal auditor for 2014/15, and that a letter would be sent to Mr Shrubsole thanking him for his work in 2013/14.

14/46 Appointment of Tree Warden. RESOLVED that David Brown would be appointed as Tree Warden for 2014/15. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to David Brown thanking him for his work in 2013/14.

14/47 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 April 2014. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14/48 Chairman's Remarks. None.

14/49 Clerk's Report. Work had commenced on the Henge Rock and Tarantulla play equipment in Adastra Park.

14/50 Minutes and Reports.

- a) **Police Report.** The local crime statistics, which had been circulated, were noted. Jane Baker said that at the Neighbourhood Panel meeting it had been reported that a new police constable had been assigned to Hassocks in the absence on sick leave of Adam Duly, but the parish had not yet been advised of this.
- b) **District Councillors' Report.** Sue Hatton reported on:
 - Ham Fields, MSDC had refused the application for a development on the site.
 - Gatwick Airport Second Runway. A workshop for District Councillors had been held on 8 May 2014, and a proposed response from MSDC had been circulated for comment.
- c) **County Councillor's Report.** The report from Andy Petch was noted.

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- d) **Planning Committee Meeting 22 April 2014.** The minutes were accepted by the council.
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting, 24 April 2014.** The minutes were accepted by the council. The response to date from the questionnaire in the May 2014 Talk About had been disappointing, and the Working Group would take steps to publicise the questionnaire more widely. Councillors were urged to fill in the questionnaire and encourage friends and neighbours to do the same.
- f) **Environment Committee Meeting, 28 April 2014.** The minutes were accepted by the council.

14/51 Financial Report. The Financial Report and list of cheques presented for April 2014 were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

14/52 Accounts.

- a) **Statement of Accounts 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.** The Accounts were APPROVED and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman was authorised to sign them.
- b) **Internal Audit Review.** The internal audit review and report of the Internal Auditor were noted. There were no matters the auditor wished to bring to the council's attention for action.
- c) **Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2014.** The Annual Return, the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement were considered and APPROVED and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman was authorised to sign them.
- d) **Annual Risk Assessment.** The Annual Risk Assessment was reviewed and APPROVED.
- e) **Insurance Renewal.** The insurance renewal, with effect from 1 June 2014 was APPROVED.

14/53 Correspondence.

- a) **HCP Community Field for Hassocks.** The letter dated 23 April 2014 from Betty Davis regarding the Downlands school field and use by youth organisations was noted. Councillors queried how well the arrangement was being publicised to groups who could use the field, and what arrangements were in place for car parking. Penny Wadsworth would pass the comments on to the HCP.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12 pm.

Chairman.....

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