

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 January at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present:	David Cumberland (Chairman)	Sue Hatton
	Jane Baker	Bill Hatton
	Leslie Campbell	Judith Foot
	Steven Ecroyd	Darryl Sinclair
	Paul King (from item 4 a – 8 c)	Penny Wadsworth
	Alan Berry	Peter Gibbons

Assistant: Tracy Bates

Also present were County Councillor, Andy Petch, District Councillor Gordon Marples, PC Martin Upton and PCSO Karen Iles and 1 member of the public.

14/1 Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Chris Bere who was away and Frank Rylance and Ian Weir due to illness.

14/2 Declarations of Interest. None.

Public Participation. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

14/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2013. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14/4 Reports.

a) Police Report. The crime statistics for Hassocks for December 2013 were circulated and noted. Jane Baker commented that there had been several reports of houses being broken into through smashed patio doors and also noted that several of the crimes listed on the statistics had not been passed on via the Neighbourhood Watch messaging. PC Upton will feed this back.

b) District Councillor's Report. Gordon Marples reported that:

- MSDC will meet this month regarding the District Plan to formally agree to follow the advice of the Inspectorate and withdraw the Plan. This will delay the Plan for at least a year and MSDC will use the time to work closely with other councils.
- The Scrutiny Committee will be meeting this week to discuss Council Tax charges for the forthcoming year.

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

- Bus Stop on Keymer Road. There are ongoing discussions regarding moving the bus stop due to it being in a dangerous position. If the stop is moved, a bus shelter could be erected in the new position. There is a Bus Shelter Grant Scheme which

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Parish Council's can apply for. This will be discussed at the next Environment Committee.

- Footpath 12k, Lodge Lane. A contractor has been appointed and work will start around April 2014.
- The consultation on the proposed TRO in Lodge Lane received many objections and is unlikely to proceed.
- Operation Watershed. HPC submitted an application to Operation Watershed although it has not yet been confirmed whether this will be actioned. Andy Petch followed the application up to ensure it was processed and congratulated the Clerk on the very clear informative application.
- Ham Fields. Gleeson's have submitted further information regarding the access to the proposed Ham Fields development. The response time on this was very short and Andy Petch has asked for an extension. The Parish Council were not aware of this further information and it was requested that the office contact MSDC Planning to obtain a copy of this document. To be added to the next planning agenda.
- Parking remains on the Infrastructure Plan and is to be considered this year. The Parking Working Group need to be very precise about what their expectations are from WSCC and ensure the recommendations are sound. Andy suggested holding several meetings with the Parking Group in order to discuss this prior to discussions with WSCC.
- Community Issues List. This will be considered in September 2014. Andy Petch suggested that HPC should start to consider priority issues now and focus on these, ready for him to take forward in September. To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Andy will be adding the issue of speeding in Ockley Lane due to public concern.

d) Planning Committee Meetings, 16 December 2013 and 6 January 2014. The minutes were noted.

e) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 19 December 2013. The minutes were noted.

- (i) It was RESOLVED that Dowsett Mayhew be appointed as consultants to assist with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- (i) It was RESOLVED that the Working Group can co-opt additional members who have technical expertise, or other appropriate skills, on the understanding that they sign a confidentiality agreement.

f) Rail Matters. There was nothing to report.

g) Meetings of Outside Bodies where the Council is represented.

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- i. **Oldland Mill.** David Cumberland reported that the mill restoration is virtually complete and the mill is now actively milling flour. The Committee are now looking at how the mill can be operated in the future.
- ii. **HAA.** David Cumberland and other Council members had attended an event run by the HAA. The event was very well organised, very positive and generated many good ideas.
- iii. **Hurst and Hassocks Community Bus.** Peter Gibbons reported that pending a takeover by Bluebird, the bus is operating under section 19 of the Transport Act and as such is a booking service only.
- iv. **The Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle.** Leslie Campbell attended a publicity event run by MSDC regarding footpaths.

14/5 Chairman’s Remarks.

- a) . The Chairman noted that Darryl Sinclair had taken over the role of Chair on the Light Up Hassocks Committee and commended her for this.

14/6 Clerk’s Report. There were no issues to raise.

14/7 Financial Report. The Financial Report and list of cheques presented for December 2013 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

14/8 Correspondence.

- a) MSDC: Traveller Sites Allocation Document. Noted
- b) WSCC: Letter from Louise Goldsmith regarding the departure of the Chief Executive. Noted
- c) Changes to the Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Policing Team. Noted

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13 pm.

Chairman.....

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