

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy, Resources and Policy Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Judith Foot (Chairman) Penny Wadsworth
Peter Gibbons Ian Weir
Frank Rylance

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Paul King.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 October 2014.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **May 2015 Elections.** It was noted that the nomination period for prospective parish council candidates is scheduled to run from 30 March 2015 until 4.00 pm on Thursday 9 April 2015. Completed nomination papers had to be delivered to MSDC. After discussion of ways to encourage residents to stand for election to the Parish Council it was RESOLVED that:
 - (a) Ian Weir would work up some posters, based on the examples from SALC, incorporating the Windmills logo, and would circulate to the committee for comment.
 - (b) The posters would be displayed in February 2015, in notice boards, shops etc.
 - (c) Open sessions would be held on Wednesday 4 March 2015 from 10.00 am to 11.30 am and on Thursday 12 March 2015 from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, in the Parish Centre, when parish councillors would be available to talk to the public about the role of a parish councillor, and to answer any questions. Councillors would be asked to volunteer to man these sessions.
 - (d) The elections and open sessions would be advertised in the February 2015 Talk About.
 - (e) Ian Weir would draft some information on how to apply to stand for election to the parish council based on the information provided by MSDC.
 - (f) Information on standing for election, and the parish council open sessions would be put on the HPC website, with a link to the MSDC site.
5. **Draft Precept 2015/16.** The draft precept, compiled from budgets agreed by the Environment and Grounds Committees and other running costs, was considered. The committee suggested that the

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proposed contribution to Light Up Hassocks for 2015 should be increased to £1,000 and that the budget for the council's website should be increased to £500.

6. Meeting Dates 2015. The following meeting dates were agreed:

Tuesday 3 February

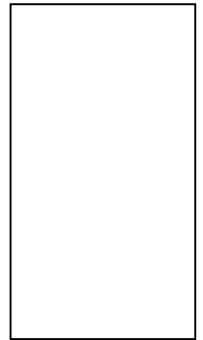
Tuesday 21 April

Tuesday 2 June

Thursday 23 July

Thursday 22 October.

7. Date of Next Meeting. 3 February 2015 at 7.30 pm.



There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....