

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

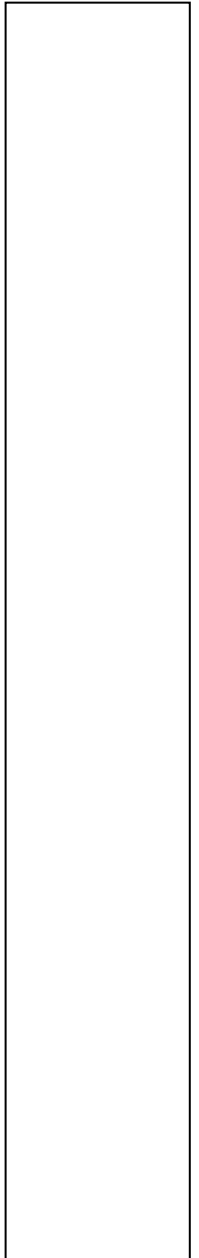
### Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present:     Ian Weir (Chairman)                     Peter Gibbons  
              Leslie Campbell                         Darryl Sinclair  
              Penny Wadsworth                     Phil Mead  
              David Cumberland

Assistant: Pat Elliott

Also in attendance were Bill Hatton and 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Sue Hatton.
2. **Chairman.** Ian Weir was appointed as Chairman for 2014/15.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** Darryl Sinclair declared an interest in item 6 as Chair of Light Up Hassocks (LUH) and Peter Gibbons in items 5 and 13 as a member of Hassocks Amenity Association (HAA).
4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 April 2014.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, having been amended to show Peter Gibbons as having attended.
5. **Spitalford Bridge Project.** Bob Kenhard reported that of the three proposals for work on the north side of Spitalford Bridge presented to the HAA AGM on 23 June 2014, it was unanimously agreed that Option 2 was the preferred option. Crown Civil Engineering Ltd has quoted £16672.80 including VAT for this. To fund this, HAA have allocated £2000 and also intend applying to the West Sussex County Council Community Initiative Fund for a grant for 'say' £5000. Obtaining this grant is the key to the scheme going ahead. WSCC also have grants available for 50% of the cost of a bus shelter. The Environment Committee agreed to put a proposal to the Parish Council to support the bus shelter part of the scheme by obtaining quotes for a bus shelter and applying to WSCC for a grant. The Committee would like an input into the bus shelter design and the public should also be consulted.
6. **Light Up Hassocks.** Darryl Sinclair presented a financial report based on figures for the 2013 event and showing an anticipated shortfall of approximately £2600. It is hoped that in the long term annual costs would be reduced by some of the lights being owned rather than hired. The Committee considered that this community



<p>event should be supported and agreed to take advice on whether the Parish Council should consider supporting specific items of expenditure rather than considering a lump sum grant.</p>	<p>IW</p>
<p><b>7. WSCC Community Issues List.</b> It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the 4 items listed below should be put to WSCC, via County Councillor Andy Petch, for inclusion in the Communities Issues List as the priorities for Hassocks:</p> <p>a)The footway along the north side of Keymer Road from the mini roundabout at Station Approach East to Stonepound Crossroads.  b)Traffic calming along Keymer Road from Budgens Store eastwards to The Crescent at Keymer.  c)Lodge Lane south of Dale Avenue to New Road.  d)Footway from South Downs Garden Centre along the A273 to the Jack and Jill Pub at Clayton.</p>	<p>C</p>
<p><b>8. Tree Planting Update.</b> Phil Mead reported that 41 trees have been ordered for planting next winter. They will be allocated: 17 in Friars Oak Road, 10 in Priory Road, 4 in Little Copse Road, 5 in Abbots Close and 5 in Mackie Avenue. Phil will be attending the next Community Partnership meeting to explain the planting scheme and he has also asked the WSCC arboriculturist to look at the tree outside 11 Grand Avenue which is leaning over the road and need re-staking.</p>	
<p><b>9. Parklands Copse.</b> Following the Grounds Committee Meeting on 4 June 2014 (minute 7 (b) refers) when it had been agreed that a small working group should be set up to look at the legal, environmental, health and safety and cost implications of any work on the path in Parklands Copse, a site visit had been carried out on 13 June 2014. Ian Weir presented a report following the site visit, which had also been circulated to the Grounds Committee. Following consideration of the report it was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that:</p> <p>a) The owner of the adjacent land should be consulted for his views on any improvements to the path, which would link with the permissive footpath on his land, and, if he had no objections to any possible improvements to the path in Parklands Copse,</p> <p>b) A report by a CIEEM Ecologist on Parklands Copse should be commissioned, at a cost of approximately £750, the cost to be met from reserves.</p>	<p>C</p> <p>IW/LC/ BH/CB</p>
<p><b>10. Parking Working Group.</b> Nothing further to report.</p>	
<p><b>11. Street Furniture.</b> Ian Weir reported that his attempt to discuss the issue of litter bins and their missing lids with MSDC had been unsuccessful. He will now put this to District Councillors Gordon Marples and Sue Hatton.</p>	<p>IW</p>

- 12. Finger Post.** Installation of the finger post at the junction of Ockley Lane and Keymer Road had finally been completed today.
- 13. Footpath 12K** Leslie Campbell reported that the work on footpath 12K is now complete and the path open. He and Fred Maillardet have cut back the hedge by the new kissing gate to improve the visibility splay. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Jo Williams, Access Officer at WSCC to thank her. HAA have raised the issue of a dog bin in that area and although MSDC have said that no further dog bins can be installed, the Committee agreed that a further letter be sent to MSDC with copies to the District Councillors. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to HAA advising that it is not possible at this stage to alter the kissing gate to allow wheelchair access.
- 14. Public Rights of Way** Leslie Campbell reported that he and another person will start the routine inspection of public rights of way in August 2014. Ian Weir reported feedback from the HAA AGM that the public would like public footpaths within the village boundaries to be improved.
- 15. Date of Next Meeting.** The next full meeting would be on 1 September 2014

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

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