## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Ian Weir (Chairman) Peter Gibbons

Jane Baker Sue Hatton
Bill Hatton Paul King
Steven Ecroyd Frank Rylance

Penny Wadsworth

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were two members of the public.

**14/76 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from David Cumberland, Chris Bere, Leslie Campbell, Judith Foot and Darryl Sinclair. In the absence of David Cumberland, the Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting. Apologies for absence were also received from County Councillor Andy petch, district Councillor Gordon Marples and PCSO Jade Harrison.

14/77 Declarations of Interest. None.

Public Participation. There were no questions from the public.

**14/78 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 July 2014.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. **14/79 Minutes and Reports.** 

- **a) Police Report.** The crime statistics Hassocks for June, July and August 2014 had been circulated, and were noted.
- b) District Councillors' Report. Gordon Marples had submitted a report on
  - MSDC Community awards
  - Traveller incursions in East Grinstead and Burgess Hill
  - Road Re-Surfacing in Keymer Road, Hassocks
  - Result of the three planning applications the Secretary of State had called in in Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common. The rejection of the College Lane application on the grounds of the need to protect the strategic gap could have implications for Hassocks
- c) County Councillor's Report. Andy Petch had submitted a report which had been circulated:
  - Age Concern Hassocks had been granted a £5,000 grant by the CLC
  - The HAA had made an application towards the Spitalford bridge/bus shelter project which would be considered by the CLC on 16 September 2014. Ian Weir would attend the meeting.
  - Assessment of the Hassocks and Keymer Traffic Flow Project would commence shortly.
  - Two of the three footpath schemes put forward by HPC, Lodge Lane and the path opposite South Downs Garden Centre, could possibly go through under the LSTF programme.

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- The Bluebird bus service could be raised at the CLC meeting. It was
  pointed out that the bluebird bus already operated in Hassocks on
  Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but there might be scope to
  provide extra services. Sue Hatton would attend the CLC meeting for
  this item.
- Lodge Lane was to receive attention under the Better Roads programme 2014/15.
- Windmills school works project had a shortfall in funding, but it was understood that additional funding would be found.
- d) Planning Committee Meetings 14 July, 4 and 26 August 2014. The minutes were noted.
- e) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 3 and 24 July and 3 August 2014. The minutes were noted. Paul King had circulated a briefing note to councillors attending the two open day events on 19 and 20 September 2014 in the Green Room of the Adastra Hall, and was drafting a briefing note to be handed out to the public. The object of the open days was to ask questions of those attending and record their responses. Feedback on the results of the questionnaire would be available. The event was being widely publicised through posters, Twitter, the HPC website etc. It was important to manage expectations, and make the public aware of the sort of housing numbers for the plan period the housing assessment was indicating and MSDC would be expecting Hassocks to provide.
- f) Rail Matters. Peter Gibbons reported that GTR were taking over the franchise from First Capital Connect on 14 September 2014 and in July 2015 GTR would take over the Southern franchise. As part of the new franchise, stations would eventually be staffed from the first train to the last.
- g) Meetings of Outside Bodies.
  - Adastra Hall Management Committee. Sue Hatton had attended a meeting. The Adastra Hall were now charging a refundable hire deposit as some hirers had been leaving the hall in a mess, and causing damage.
  - West Sussex/SALC AGM. Ian Weir had attended. Katy Bourne, the Police and Crime Commissioner had attended, and was introducing some useful initiatives, such as linking the Sussex and Surrey police computer systems, which was helping tackle cross-border crime. A pack had been produced to encourage people to stand for election to towns and parishes in May 2015.

**14/80 Clerk's Report.** There were no issues to report.

**14/81 Financial Report.** The Financial Report and list of cheques presented for July and August 2014 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**14/82 Grants 2014/15.** The requests for grants were considered and the council RESOLVED that, from the budget of £1,500 the following grants would be made for 2014/15:

Hassocks Netball Club Adastra Hall £360

£340

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Hassocks Junior Football Club Mid Sussex Health Care Patients Participation Group St Catherine's Hospice Jack & Jill Playgroup	£280 £200 £200 £118
<b>14/83 Council Chamber Venetian Blinds.</b> RESOLVED the council chamber should be replaced at a cost of £33 <b>14/84 Correspondence.</b> None.	
There being no other business, the Chairman closed the	e meeting at 8.32 pm.
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