

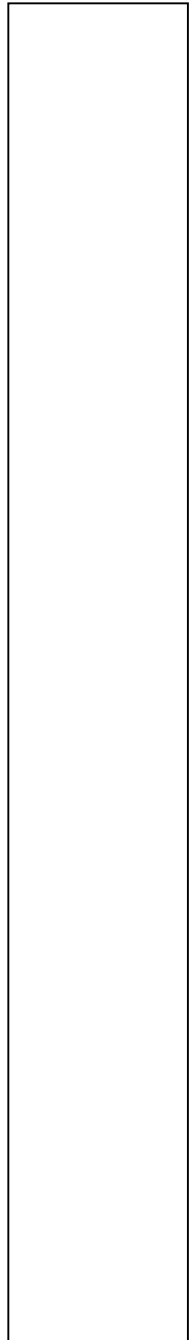
## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Ian Weir (Chairman)  
Leslie Campbell  
Sue Hatton

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Peter Gibbons, Darryl Sinclair, Penny Wadsworth and Phil Mead.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2014.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Presentation by Georgia Cheshire on the Hassocks Amenity Association Green Group.** Georgia Cheshire joined the meeting to outline the schemes the HAA Green Group had for planting in the village, and the funding the group had been able to raise. The committee were very supportive of the proposals. The council were looking for someone to take over planting of the horse trough at Stonepound Crossroads, and Georgia agreed that this would be included in the planting programme. It was agreed that the council would fund the cost of the plants and materials.
5. **Tree Planting.** The street trees agreed for the 2014/15 season had all now been planted.
6. **Public Rights of Way.** Leslie Campbell reported that:
  - The Monday Group had done surface clearance on footpath 14C, the Cinder Path, from Keymer Road to the northern edge of Butcher's Wood.
  - The sides of the Cinder Path had been trimmed but it was not known who had carried out the work
  - It was hoped to carry out improvement work to footpath 27C in the vicinity of Woodbine Cottage in co-operation with the landowners involved
  - The next WSCC parish path inspection would not be carried out until February 2016 following the changes introduced by County.
  - The new WSCC Access Ranger for Hassocks is Sue Philipson.
7. **Replacement of Litter Bins.** Confirmation was awaited from the BTHC Maintenance Team as to when the work could be carried out.



**8. Bus Shelters.**

a) **Seating.** It was RESOLVED that the quotation for Coop Carpentry for fitting seating to the two bus stops on London Road, Hassocks, would be accepted.

b) **Cleaning of Bus Shelters.** It had not yet proved possible to find anyone to undertake cleaning of the bus shelters in the village.

**9. Seating.** A request from Burgess Hill Lions for a memorial bench in the village was considered. It was agreed to suggest the Lions might like to sponsor a bench to replace the bench at the junction of Keymer Road and Ockley Lane as the existing bench was in a poor state of repair.

**10. Hanging Baskets.** A proposal from Penny Wadsworth to accept a quotation for £1,692 for hanging baskets in the village was discussed. It was agreed that as the quotation was over £1,000, two additional quotations should be obtained, and it was agreed that Hurstpierpoint Parish Council would be asked who was supplying the Hurst hanging baskets for 2015 as it was understood that they had changed supplier.

**11. Parklands Copse.** Ian Weir gave an update on the proposals for Parklands Copse. It was noted that proposals would be put to the next meeting of the Grounds Committee for consideration before proposals were put to full council. Ian Weir was obtaining alternative quotations for the groundwork required.

**12. Youth Provision.** Ian Weir reported that a small group was looking at a scheme which could be managed by an external agency and that youth provision would also be looked at as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**13. Possible Future Projects Funded from Free Reserves.** Members suggested schemes which might be considered, including Neighbourhood Watch signage, a zip wire, a new skatepark, a pathway in Parklands Copse, and a youth cinema. Consideration would be given to these and other projects once the PR&C committee had reviewed the free reserves.

**14. Date of Next Meeting.** 20 April 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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

Chairman.....

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