

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Ian Weir (Chairman) Darryl Sinclair
 Leslie Campbell Carol Wise
 Peter Gibbons Phil Mead
 Georgia Cheshire

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Nick Owens.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Leslie Campbell, Georgia Cheshire and Peter Gibbons declared an interest in item 8 as members of the Hassocks Amenity Association.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 June 2015.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting as a correct record, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.
4. **Tree Planting.** Phil Mead reported that 26 street trees were due for planting in 2015/16 at a cost of £3,900. That would leave only £750 in the budget remaining from the £10,000 set aside for tree planting by the council for the three years from 2013/14. The tree planting scheme had proved very popular with residents and it was hoped that it could continue so that areas of the village which had not yet benefitted could be planted. It was agreed that when the budgets for 2016/17 were considered a proposal should be made to the Parish Council for a further £10,000 to be set aside from reserves for a further three year street tree planting programme.
5. **Public Rights of Way.** Leslie Campbell voiced concern about a number of footpath signs which had gone missing, but this would not be addressed until the WSCC Access Rangers inspection in 2016. The Monday Group had carried out clearance work on the Cinder path.
6. **Street Furniture.**
 - (a) **Litter Bins.** The two replacement litter bins had been delivered and would be installed shortly.
 - (b) **Bus Shelters.** The council's window cleaner would be cleaning the shelter at Spitalford Bridge on a regular basis.
7. **Hanging Baskets.** The hanging baskets had been planted later than normal this year and the display had been disappointing. Ian Weir and Georgia Cheshire agreed to visit suppliers and discuss options. It was RESOLVED that planting proposals and quotations to include delivery for the street lighting column hanging baskets would be obtained from

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local garden centres and the Camelia Botnar Centre, West Grinstead, for consideration at the next meeting.

8. **Request from the Hassocks Amenity Association (HAA) for the Parish Council to fund two planters at the eastern end of Grand Avenue.** The email dated 12 August 2015 from Margaret Ford was considered. RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the council fund the installation of two galvanised black basket planters by Camelia Botnar on the wall to the south east end of Grand Avenue, to match the planters funded by Mansell McTaggart on the western side of the road. The HAA would plant and maintain the baskets.
9. **Parking Working Group.** It was noted that WSCC had not made any further progress on the parking proposals put forward by the Parish Council, and that the WSCC Infrastructure budget which would fund any measures might be affected by budget cuts at WSCC.
10. **Parklands Copse.** The tree work had been done, and the council had agreed funding for further work which had become necessary. Work on the path was planned to commence on 15 September 2015 and the Monday Group planned to erect the bridges before the end of October 2015.
11. **Gatwick Airport Flight Paths.** The committee considered an email dated 2 September 2015 from CAGNE, Communities Against Noise and Emissions, asking for support. It was agreed that as Hassocks was not directly affected it would not be appropriate for the council to consider joining a campaign, but that this could be reviewed if the position changed in the future.
12. **Date of Next Meeting.** 16 November 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

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