

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

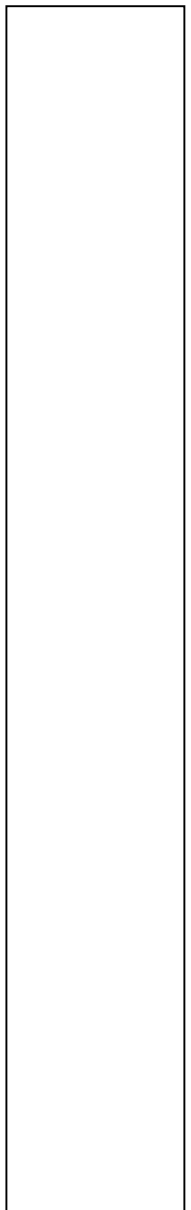
Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Ian Weir (Chairman) Darryl Sinclair
 Leslie Campbell Phil Mead
 Peter Gibbons Nick Owens (for items 5-12)

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present for item 5 was Robert Wilson.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Georgia Cheshire and Carol Wise.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** Peter Gibbons declared an interest in item 5 as a resident of Clayton Mills.
- 3. Appointment of Chairman for 2015/16.** Ian Weir was appointed to chair the committee for 2015/16.
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 April 2015.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 5. Clayton Mills Estate.** Robert Wilson, a member of the Resident Management Company for the Clayton Mills Estate, joined the meeting at his request to discuss issues of mutual interest. The estate was a private one, so the roads, street lighting, play areas etc were maintained by private contractors, and not MSDC or WSCC. One issue which had arisen was with anti-social behaviour, for example petty theft, damage and aggressive behaviour by young people, but a Neighbourhood Watch group had been formed and the PCSO had been informed. Councillors urged residents to report any incidents to the police so that they could be logged, and therefore more action was likely to be taken. There were also issues with parking, and non-residents using the site for long term parking. It was suggested that one deterrent might be gates at the entrance in Mackie Avenue. The land to the north of the site had not been landscaped by the developer, and it was understood that MSDC were taking action against Barratts to have the area landscaped in accordance with the planning conditions. With regard to the footpath from Woodland Road to the bridge, this was one footpath that the parish council and WSCC had identified for possible improvement. The Management Company had applied for planning permission to put some street lights along the path. Robert Wilson was thanked for attending and it was agreed that the Resident Management Company and parish council would continue to



liaise. Robert would send the office contact details for the new management Company in September 2015.

6. **Tree Planting.** Phil Mead reported that a list for tree planting had been sent to WSCC to cover Adastra Avenue, Windmill Avenue, Friars Close, and one tree in Dale Avenue and one in Clayton Avenue. A letter had published in the June Talk About thanking the HAA for the planting in the village, and Phil had sent in a response pointing out that the work was done by WSCC, mostly funded by the parish council. Two trees in Grand Avenue had been cut down by WSCC as they were unstable, and it was hoped that WSCC would be able to replace them.
7. **Public Rights of Way.** Leslie Campbell reported that the Monday Group had been carrying out clearance work on the cinder path and footpath 10c. It was hoped that some work would be done on footpath 19k. The footpath near Woodbine Cottage flooded in winter, but it was unlikely that it would be possible to get improvement works done. On the Parklands Copse path, the council had gone back to contractors to revise their quotations as some levelling work was required, and the previous quotations had not been prepared on the same basis.
8. **Street Furniture.**
 - a) **Replacement Litter Bins.** The litter bins in the village had now been replaced as previously agreed.
 - b) **Litter Bins Orion Parade and Stonepound North.** Two bins had not been included in the above programme, and it was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the two bins in Orion Parade and by the bus stop at Stonepound North should be replaced with new Jubilee litter bins, at a cost of £988 for the bins, plus Vat, plus the cost of installation.
 - c) **Bus Shelter, Keymer Road.** It was noted that the new bus shelter by Spitalford Bridge had now been installed, and the grant had been received from WSCC.
 - d) **Bus Shelter Cleaning.** It had not yet proved possible to find a local company to undertake regular cleaning of the bus shelters, but it was agreed that the parish office window cleaner would be asked to clean the glass of the new bus shelter by Spitalford Bridge on a regular basis.
9. **Seating.** It was noted that the memorial bench for Burgess Hill District Lions had now been installed in the Memorial Garden in Adastra Park.
10. **Hanging Baskets.** Wilkinson Landscapes had been unable to provide the street light hanging baskets following the agreement at the 20 April 2015 meeting (minute 9 refers), but Camelia Botnar Centre had supplied and delivered the baskets at a cost of £311, including VAT. It was agreed that three quotations for the baskets for 2016 would be obtained for consideration at the next meeting so that the committee could have some choice in the planting.
11. **Parking Working Group.** A meeting had been held with representatives of WSCC on 10 June 2015 to discuss the

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recommendations and a note of the meeting had been circulated. WSCC had indicated that implementation of some of the recommendations would be dependent on the availability of S106 funding. The junction of Grand Avenue and Keymer Road had not been covered, and the PWG had made it clear that this needed to be addressed. Members were asked to give any feedback on the discussions to Ian Weir.

12. Date of Next Meeting. 14 September 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

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