

Minutes of the Hassocks Parish Council Policy, Resources and Communications Committee Meeting 4th August 2015 7.30pm

Attendees: Chair, Judith Foot; Frances Gaudencio; Peter Gibbons; Sue Hatton; Bill Hatton; Ian Weir.
and Jane Bromley (Administration)

1. Apologies: Ian Credland and Justine Fisher
2. Declarations of Interest. None received.
3. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2015 (previously circulated). The minutes were accepted.
4. Statement of the Chair of the Committee. JF expressed her thanks to all for attending and advised the committee that, as they were all probably aware, the Parish Council Chair and Clerk had both recently resigned. The Chair had subsequently sent a letter to the Parish Council confirming his resignation. The Clerk's resignation had been after very careful thought.
JF felt there was reason to believe that both the staff and Councillors at Hassocks Parish Council had not felt fully supported by the Council and that perhaps the standards laid down in the policies and procedures of the Council had not be followed adequately. The Council must move forward and make changes to avoid a similar situation occurring and it was an opportunity now to discuss a plan for the future.
5. The Council **RESOLVED** in view of the nature of the business about to be transacted under items 6-8 on the agenda that it was in the public interest that these items were treated as confidential and the public were invited to withdraw.
6. Confidential session.
7. Confidential session.
8. Confidential session.
9. Date of Next Meeting 22 October 2015