

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

There is a meeting of the **Parish Council** on **Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber, Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Jo Whitcombe
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 To Accept Apologies for Absence.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

To deal with any disclosure by Members of any dis-closable pecuniary interests and interests other than pecuniary interests, as defined under Hassocks Parish Council's Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda.

3. VICE CHAIRMAN

- 3.1 Cllr Sue Hatton has resigned as Vice Chairman of Hassocks Parish Council and applications are invited from any Councillor wishing to stand for this role subject to a Proposer and a Seconder.
- 3.2 **RECOMMENDATION** – Nominations are sought for the position of Vice-Chairman of Hassocks Parish Council.

4. MINUTES

- 4.1 Matters Arising.
The Hassocks Twinning Association 25th Anniversary of Twinning Event planned for 2017 will be considered at the Council meeting on 11 October 2016.
- 4.2 To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 July 2016.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Up to fifteen minutes will be available to allow for the public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence **in respect of any item of business included in the agenda**, in accordance with Standing Orders.*

6. MINUTES

To accept the following Minutes

- 6.1 Planning Committee – 18 July 2016
- 6.2 Policy, Resources and Communications Committee – 25 July 2016
- 6.3 Planning Committee – 8 August 2016
- 6.4 Planning Committee – 30 August 2016
- 6.5 Grounds and Environment Committee – 8 September 2016 (For noting only as will be considered at the next appropriate Council meeting).

7. PARTNER REPORTS

- 7.1 District Councillors' Report.
- 7.2 County Councillor Report.
- 7.3 Police Report.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 To approve the Financial Report and authorise the list of cheques for July 2016. Attached as Appendix 1.

For Members information a copy of all bank statements are available to view at the Parish Council Office.

9. GRANTS

- 9.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council on Grant applications received this year. The Council agreed a budget of £2,000 for grants and donations to local groups and organisations for 2016/17.
- 9.2 For Members information the Council's Grant procedure agreed 11/11/08 is as follows:

Hassocks Parish Council will consider requests for grants and donations from the grants budget annually, normally at the September Council meeting. Notice will be given in the Talk About in June that applications need to be received by the end of August. To be considered:

- Applications will have to be on behalf of organisations, and not individuals.
- Local, or a local branch of a national organisation serving local needs.
- For requests up to £100 a letter giving details of the organisation, and the purpose of the funding will be required.

For requests over £100 further information is required.

- Details of the organisation, membership etc.
- An outline of the project the grant is requested for.
- A budget showing the make-up of the total cost of the project, other funding sources, the amount being contributed by the applicant, and the contribution requested from the Council.
- Timescale of the project.
- Who the project will benefit.
- If the request is for ongoing funding rather than a single project, details of how the grant will be used in furthering the work of the organisation.

Organisations who receive funding of £500 or more from the council will be asked to report back within a year confirming how the money has been used. Grants are conditional on the funding being used for the stated purpose, and any grant unspent within a year must be returned.

9.3 The Council made the following donations in 2015/16

St Catherine's Hospice	£200
Adastra Hall	£500
Hassocks Amenity Association	£175
Victim Support	£ 50
Hassocks Twinning Association	£200
HKD Transition	£375

9.4 Hassocks Community Association was pleased to report that the grant awarded to Adastra Hall was used for the purpose of the redecoration of the Hall and the work has been completed.

9.5 The following grant requests have been received for 2016/17.

St Catherine's Hospice	£200
Hassocks Amenity Association	£400
Victim Support (Sussex Area)	£ 50 (or more if felt appropriate)
Adastra Junior Stoolball Club	£250
West Sussex Mediation Service	£100

9.6 Supporting documents for each of the above application are attached as Appendix 2.

9.7 **RECOMMENDATION:** The Council is invited to consider the above applications, and agree grants for 2016/17.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Rail Matters – oral report from Cllrs Leslie Campbell and/or Peter Gibbons.

10.2 Youth Initiatives – oral report from Cllr Justine Fisher.

10.3 Report from Councillors on meetings of outside bodies where the Council is represented.

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

11.1 HAS SOCKS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION.

11.2 Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) has produced a list of independent Examiners for consideration by the Parish Council and after consultation with Dowsett Mayhew, the Parish Council's Consultant, MSDC and the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, two independent Examiners have been put forward for the Council to consider.

11.3 The recommended Examiners for consideration are Mr Peter Biggers and Mr Andrew Ashcroft. Mr Biggers undertook the Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Plan and the Haywards Heath Plan Examinations. Both were held in public and the Burgess Hill Plan was made in January 2016. The Haywards Heath Examination was held in July 2016 and MSDC is currently awaiting the report. Mr Ashcroft undertook the Balcombe Neighbourhood Plan examination which was dealt with by written representations and the Plan was made in September 2016. Hard copies of the Burgess Hill and Balcombe Plans are available upon request from the Clerk.

- 11.4 Both gentlemen are eminently qualified and in view of the demand for Examiners, Dowsett Mayhew recommend that both are approached to ascertain their availability in the first instance. To prevent any delay, the District Council will need to be informed of the selected Examiner as soon as possible.

- 11.5 **RECOMMENDATION** – That Hassocks Parish Council delegate the power to the Chairman of the Council to choose either Andrew Ashcroft or Peter Biggers and inform the District Council accordingly.

12. CLERK'S REPORT

12.1 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- 12.2 The purpose of this report is to recommend to Members that the limit that the Clerk can spend on behalf of the Council be increased.

- 12.3 Currently, the Financial Regulations which were adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 14 April 2015 (Minute number 15/28) state the following:

Item 3.4 BUDGETARY CONTROL – The Clerk may incur expenditure on behalf of the Council which is necessary to carry out any repair, replacement or other work which is of such extreme urgency that it must be done at once, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £200. The Clerk shall report the action to the Council as soon as practicable thereafter.

- 12.4 In order to enable the Clerk to react quickly to emergency situations, damage or risk to residents it is proposed to raise the current limit of £200 to £1500 so that the Clerk may authorise expenditure on behalf of the Council, which in the Clerks judgement, is necessary. Such expenditure may include repair, replacement or other work, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £1500. The Clerk should report such action to the Chairman and the Chairman of the appropriate Committee as soon as possible and to the Council as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 12.5 As an example for the need for the proposed change there has recently been a complaint received after the Grounds and Environment agenda was distributed. A concerned member of the public complained about the overgrown vegetation coming from the Memorial Gardens on to the boundary with Keymer Road. Trees in the Memorial Gardens are also obscuring the light from lighting columns 21, 22 and 23 which made it difficult for the complainant to navigate the footway at this location. The complainant felt vulnerable at 9pm on her return home as the area was dark and the shrubbery impeded her vision. In normal circumstances a decision would have to wait until the next meeting of the Committee or Council but by giving the Clerk additional authority the work could be actioned thus greatly improving customer service.
- 12.6 As an immediate response the Groundsman has undertaken an immediate cut back of any vegetation overhanging the footway but the whole boundary line would benefit from raising the tree canopies, cutting back the shrubs and the removal of the foliage is required from around the street lights.

- 12.7 A quote has been sourced from James Wilson Tree Care to undertake this work at a cost of £450.
- 12.8 **RECOMMENDATION** – Members are recommended to revise the current Financial Regulations for Hassocks Parish Council and increase the current limit of £200, so that the Clerk may authorise expenditure on behalf of the Council up to the value of £1500 and,
- 12.9 **RECOMMENDATION** – Members are recommended to approve the work required to the vegetation and trees on the Memorial Garden boundary with Keymer Road at a cost of £450.

13. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

- 13.1 The Grounds Maintenance contract has not been tendered in line with the Councils Standing Orders and it is recommended that this matter is resolved as a matter of urgency.
- 13.2 **RECOMMENDATION** – That the Clerk be authorised to undertake a tendering exercise for the Grounds Maintenance Contract as soon as possible.

14. PARKING ISSUES

- 14.1 To consider a letter sent to all Parish Councillors regarding parking issues. Attached as Appendix 3.
- 14.2. **RECOMMENDATION** – The views of the Council are sought.

15. **Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting and/or inclusion on a future agenda.**

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted Councillors will be referred to the Confidential Agenda. If any members of the public or press are in attendance they will be requested to withdraw from the meeting in the public interest.

16. To accept the CONFIDENTIAL Hassocks Parish Council meeting Minutes held on 12 July 2016.
17. To accept the CONFIDENTIAL Policy, Resources and Communications Committee meeting minutes held on 25 July 2016.

18. STAFFING MATTERS

Date: 03/08/2016

Hassocks Parish Council New 2016/17

Time: 17:18

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 03/08/2016 for
Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/C 2114

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Current Bank A/C 2114	29/07/2016	428	24,198.83
Unpresented Cheques (Minus)		<u>Amount</u>	24,198.83
Total Amount			<u>-3,496.16</u>
			20,702.67
Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			20,702.67
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	20,702.67
		<u>Difference is :-</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Date: 03/08/2016

Hassocks Parish Council New 2016/17

Time: 17:19

Receipts and Payments Summary - Cashbook 1

Current Bank A/C 2114

	<u>Receipt Totals</u>	<u>Payment Totals</u>		
Total Year to Date	108,186.06			
Total Year to Date		108,784.00		
Total Receipts / Payments	108,186.06	108,784.00	Balance per Cash Book	Closing Trial Balance
Opening Balance	21,300.61			
Closing Balance		20,702.67	-597.94	20,702.67
	<u>129,486.67</u>	<u>129,486.67</u>		

Date: 03/08/2016

Hassocks Parish Council New 2016/17

Receipts and Payments Summary - Cashbook 2

Tracker A/C 3548				
	Receipt Totals	Payment Totals		
Total Year to Date	90,806.01			
Total Year to Date		90,000		
			Balance per Cash Book	Closing Trial Balance
Total Receipts / Payments	90,806.01	90,000.00		
Opening Balance	421,293.67			
Closing Balance		422,099.68	806.01	422099.68
	<u>512,099.68</u>	<u>512,099.68</u>		

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EXPENDITURE JULY 2016 inc VAT				
Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount	Transaction Detail
01/07/2016	CSE Ltd	5027	135.00	Set up of Computer Backup
01/07/2016	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	5028	450.66	Waste 21.5.16-24.6.16
01/07/2016	Mid Sussex District Council	BACS MSDC	726.00	Business Rates July
04/07/2016	Barclays Bank	BACS BARCL	34.61	ChargeS 13.5-12.6.16
08/07/2016	Aftercare Double Glazing	5033	76.50	Repair to Pavilion Window
08/07/2016	edf energy	5034	813.88	Pav elec Apr16-June16
08/07/2016	edf energy	5035	211.07	P/ Office Elec Apr16-June16
08/07/2016	Burgess Hill Glass	5036	126.58	Repair to Bus Shelter
08/07/2016	IKEA	5037	130.00	Table for Clerks Office
08/07/2016	David Carden	5038	495.30	HPC Reports/Mentor
08/07/2016	Dowsettmayhew Planning	5039	5744.40	NP Consultancy
08/07/2016	Tim Smith Digger Hire	5040	690.00	Allotment Car Park/Path
08/07/2016	Mark Mulberry	5041	72.00	Payroll Services 1st quarter
08/07/2016	Bee Clean (Southern) Ltd	5032	216.00	Pav Cleaning Contract-July
11/07/2016	Petty Cash Top Up	5043	61.68	Petty Cash Top Up
12/07/2016	Brewers Ltd	5044	76.99	Road Line Marking Paint
08/07/2016	Additional Admin Support	5042,45,68	923.95	Adminstration inc NP
18/07/2016	SSALC Ltd	5052	150.00	Legal and Finance Course
18/07/2016	Southeast water	5053	68.61	Allotment Water
18/07/2016	West Sussex County Council	5055	6450.00	Street Trees Planting 16/17
18/07/2016	Southeast water	5054	45.66	P/ Office Water Jan-July16
18/07/2016	Vitax limited	5056	532.18	Line Marker-Adastra Park
18/07/2016	Viking	5057	184.13	Printer Toner/Stationery
18/07/2016	Travis Perkins	5058	36.72	Plate Compactor - Allot
18/07/2016	Rob Eager- Rooted Gdn Services	5059	375.00	Mem Gdn maint Apr-July
18/07/2016	HMRC/PAYE	5061	1826.13	PAYE/NI July 16
20/07/2016	Salaries July 2016	5047,48, 5049,50	5730.53	Salary July 2016
20/07/2016	AM Services Sussex Ltd	5051	750.00	Repair to Bowls Sprinkler
26/07/2016	Foster Playscapes Ltd	5062	42.00	Park Safety Inspection July
26/07/2016	Clerk -Reimbursement	5063	198.00	NP Leaflet Distribution
26/07/2016	Clerk -Postage	5063	12.48	NP Docs distrubution
	Clerk -Travel Expenses	5063	27.45	SSALC Course
27/07/2016	Southeast water	5065	98.89	Jan-July16 Pavilion water
29/07/2016	Sussex Sign Centre	5064	94.00	NP Reg 16 Fliers x5000
29/07/2016	Parker Building Supplies	5066	768.00	MOT re Allot Path
29/07/2016	Burgess Hill Town Council	5067	248.32	Memorial Bench Install
29/07/2016	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	5068	456.53	Biffa Waste 25.6.16-22.7.16
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		29079.25	

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For grant applications of up to £100

Name of organisation

West Sussex Mediation Service

Contact name and address

Nick Handley
Park House
North Street
Horsham
RH12 1RN

Contact telephone number

0300 200 0025

Contact email address

info@wsms.org.uk

Purpose of the organisation

Mission Statement: Charity committed to improving community well-being/quality of life by helping individuals to resolve conflict and disputes through mediation without the need for recourse to Courts or other sanctions. We offer community, intergenerational and elder mediation and conflict coaching – for free.

Details of amount requested and the purpose of the funding

£100.
On average we help 8-10 families a year in your Parish who are suffering conflicts in their lives. These disputes invariably affect the wider community and cause demands on statutory services. We use trained and accredited LOCAL volunteer mediators, working in pairs, who visit clients in their homes and use local venues for the formal mediations. We rely on grant support from Town & Parish Councils to help us maintain this FREE service to the community. Last year such grants amounted to £4,100 across the County. Our last grant from Hassocks was in 2010. We are currently experiencing a record number of referrals which is showing a 68% increase on last year. Hassocks residents currently feature in those statistics.

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION

For grant applications of up to £100

Name of organisation

Adastra Junior Stoolball Club.

Contact name and address

Mrs Joy Mans.

Contact telephone number

Contact email address

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Purpose of the organisation

encouraging girls from 9yrs to 16
to keep fit - be part of a team and
learn the game and skills of stoolball.

Details of the amount requested
and the purpose of the funding

\$100 - would be amazing.
to purchase Navy skorts.
and pale Blue Tee shirts
for the Team. Club kit.

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For grant applications of over £100

Name of organisation

St Catherine's Hospice

Contact name and address

Andy Perry
St Catherine's Hospice
Malthouse Road
Crawley
RH10 6BH

Contact telephone number

Contact email address

Purpose of the organisation

St Catherine's Hospice provides end of life care, both in the hospice and in the community, for adults with a terminal illness from Mid Sussex and East Surrey.

Last year, the hospice cared for more than 2,000 patients and their families. Our goal is to enable patients to live the best quality of life, within the limits of their illness.

Details of membership

We provide our services free of charge to anyone within our catchment area, meeting our referral criteria.

Details of project for which grant is requested

Your grant will enable patients from Hassocks to receive practical and emotional care at the end of their life in the comfort of their own home.

This service helps to ensure that throughout the period of care, the patient:

- a) Remains comfortable
- b) Is kept clean
- c) Has their dignity respected
- d) Remains free from the fear of pain.

With the support of our Community Nursing Team, the patient's final wish, to die at home, can be met. This means they can spend their final days in familiar surroundings, close to family and friends, whilst those around them are fully supported.

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Budget:

Total cost of the project

£6,350, apportioned as per the typical number of patients living in Hassocks.

Contribution by applicant

We will meet the balance of the cost of providing this vital service in Hassocks from voluntary donations via fundraising activities, including our shop in Hassocks.

Details of any other funding

The hospice raises funds in a variety of ways including an ongoing programme of applications to charitable trusts and foundations, plus all parish and town councils in our catchment area.

Amount of grant requested from the Parish Council

£200

Timescale of the project

Ongoing as this is a key element of our overall service.

Who the project will benefit

This service will benefit anybody from Hassocks who requires end of life care from the hospice. This includes supporting family members.

If the grant request is for ongoing funding rather than a single project, give details of how the grant will be used in furthering the work of the organisation.

Community nursing care is an integral part of our range of care services and operates from 8.00am to 8.00pm, seven days a week.

Your support will help ensure that we can continue to make our services available for all those who need it.

Two of the key objectives from our five year strategy are:

- To reach more people who are dying
- Ensure that as long as we are needed, we will be here for future generations

A grant from the Councillors will help to meet these objectives and so further the work of the charity.

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Name of organisation

HASSOCKS AMENITY ASSOCIATION

Contact name and address

BOB KENHARD, HAA TREASURER
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ KEYMER
~~XXXXXX~~

Contact telephone number

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Contact email address

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Purpose of the organisation

PLEASE SEE OUR CONSTITUTION @
www.hassocksamenity.org.uk/constitution

Details of membership

CIRCA 220 SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS

Details of project for which
grant is requested

IN CONJUNCTION WITH HASSOCKS
KEYMER & DITCHLING TRANSITION & OTHERS,
WE AIM TO BUILD KNOWLEDGE
& INTEREST IN LOCAL MITIGATION
OF HASSOCKS VILLAGE FLOOD
RISKS.
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR
MORE DETAILS.

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For grant applications of over £100

Budget:

Total cost of the project

CIRCA £1,300.

Contribution by applicant s

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED BUDGET

Details of any other funding

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED BUDGET

Amount of grant requested from
the Parish Council

£ 400.

Timescale of the project

AIM, SUBJECT TO WEATHER,
IS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE
'TRAINING DAY' THIS YEAR

Who the project will benefit

THE PEOPLE OF HASSOCKS

If the grant request is for ongoing
funding rather than a single project,
give details of how the grant will be
used in furthering the work of the
organisation.

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Attachment to BID FOR HPC COMMUNITY GRANT.

Hassocks 'Rain Gardens' Training

Details of Project.

To build on the interest created locally at our AGM on the 5th July by HAA working with HKD and the OART, in reducing flood risks by sustainable means .

We intend to run at least two Training Days - " Build a rain garden in a day" - to enable villagers to build their own low cost sustainable rain gardens. The intention being to have an expert lead the training on suitable privately owned sites in the village . Site owners will contribute to the costs involved.

The initiative possibly culminating in a Hassocks Rain Gardens open day next summer. Please see the following links:

1. For background – click on the link : [Retrofitting Green Infrastructure](https://youtu.be/yUaf2NQfNzM) or copy and paste <https://youtu.be/yUaf2NQfNzM>
2. <http://livingroofs.org/> green roofs
3. <http://raingardens.info/>

Budget

Activity	Estimated cost	Source			
		HAA	HPC	HKD	Property owner's contribution
Trainer's fees (2 training days)	£500.00	£50.00	£400.00	£50.00	
Insurance	£100.00	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	
Materials	£300.00	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00
Plants	£120.00	£80.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00
Publicity	£50.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Training literature	£50.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Admin', Risk assesment and labour 60 hours	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Total	£1,120.00	£480.00	£400.00	£100.00	£140.00
Hassocks Rain Gardens - Open Day					
Insurance	£120.00	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	
Publicity	£50.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Admin', Risk assesment and labour 40 hours	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Sub total	£170.00	£110.00	£0.00	£60.00	
Grand total	£1,290.00	£590.00	£400.00	£160.00	£140.00

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For grant applications of up to £100

Name of organisation

Victim Support (Sussex Area)

Contact name and address

Mrs Sue Bartlett

Contact telephone number

Contact email address

Purpose of the organisation

To provide emotional and practical support by trained volunteers to victims and witnesses of crime.
There are volunteers living in, and allocated to, your area to support victims and witnesses on a long or short term, depending on needs.

Details of amount requested and the purpose of the funding

£50 or what you feel appropriate. This can either go towards recruitment and training or as follows:

- £50 could pay for us to give 5 burglary victims information about securing their home in the future.
- £250 could help us to support 10 young victims of bullying and harassment.
- £500 could help meet the cost of 10 volunteer's expenses while they support a victim of domestic violence.
- £200 could assist us in giving support to a young witness before, during and after the trial.
- £500 could help us give ongoing support to a family recently bereaved due to a violent crime.
- £250 could pay for 15 volunteers to receive one day training on serious crime.

HAS SOCKS PARISH COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION

For grant applications of over £100

Name of organisation

Adastra Junior Girls Stoolball Club.

Contact name and address

Mrs Joy Mans.

Contact telephone number

Contact email address

Purpose of the organisation

To encourage girls from 9-16yrs
To take part in a team game - keep
fit & healthy, learn to play stoolball.

Details of membership

myself -

Junior Coach & Secretary - Vice chair
(30 members) main club.Details of project for which
grant is requestedA score board or
Numbers in a box. to record
Runs - Overs - wickets.
purchase from Intersports of Lewes

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For grant applications of over £100

Budget:

Total cost of the project

Contribution by applicant

Details of any other funding

Amount of grant requested
from Parish Council

~~£150~~ £200 - total cost of board
£150 - requested.
we propose to hold
a fundraising project
during Winter - a quiz
Evening. (from a previous
Event raised £150)

Timescale of the project

Six Months - April - 2017.

Who the project will benefit

project will benefit Junior Girls
and Senior Ladies of Ad Astra Football
Club.

If the grant request is for ongoing
funding rather than a single project,
give details of how the grant will be
used in furthering the work of
the organisation.

At the moment this is a
Single project for a New Score-
board although we have
ongoing funding towards club
kit and costs towards field costs.

2-8-16. Thank you J Mans.

Hassocks Parish Council Meeting 13 September 2016.
Appendix 3

On 1 Sep 2016, at 23:10, Sally Booker <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Hassocks Parish Councillors,

I am not sure of the protocol here but I, like many residents were very disappointed that the matter of commuter parking was not included in the recent proposals.

You may have seen that I set up a petition to see the level of people's dissatisfaction. 550 people signed it expressing different levels of dissatisfaction including commuter parking blocking roads and driveways, holiday parking stopping people parking in the car parks, lack of parking for shop employees, poor traffic warden instructions (apparently they limit their tickets to certain parts and ignore other parts), and general lack of parking affecting people from outside coming and using our shops - whilst commuters park for free and bring little if anything to our village.

This is affecting our quality of life and is getting worse. Indeed I know that Network Rail expected a significant increase in commuters using the revamped station but appear to have put no thought into where people would park.

I have lived in this lovely village for around 14 years and have noticed a significant rise in parking issues over the last three years. I have also noticed the closure of independent shops due to lack of business - one more shut this week and we could lose at least two more if something isn't done.

I loved the idea of staggered parking outside Lloyds Chemist and wondered why this wasn't extended to narrowing the pavement and doing the same thing outside Boots?

I wondered why tickets were issued (not often though) in the Budgens car park and not Age Concern? Why the traffic wardens only looked at one bay in the High Street?

The station car parks are always full so even reducing the price there will not help.

Please let me know if you would like to see these signatures and comments or if you would like me to present at a meeting and answer questions.

I am thinking of holding an open meeting at Adastra Hall on 5th October to discuss ways that this can be resolved and would welcome your input.

Kind regards

Sally Booker
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]