

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present:	Bill Hatton (Chairman)	Leslie Campbell
	Jane Baker	David Cumberland
	Chris Bere	Judith Foot
	Kristian Berggreen	Ian Weir
	Alan Berry	Paul King (for items 3-12)
	Phil Mead	Frank Rylance
	Sue Hatton	

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were District Councillor Gordon Marples and one member of the public.

12/1 Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Peter Gibbons, who was in hospital, and Penny Wadsworth. County Councillor Colin Wilsdon and PCSO Emma Collett also sent their apologies.

12/2 Declarations of Interest. Chris Bere declared an interest in item 9 as a sponsor of the Adastra Bowling Club.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation. A note of the question and answer is attached as attachment 1.

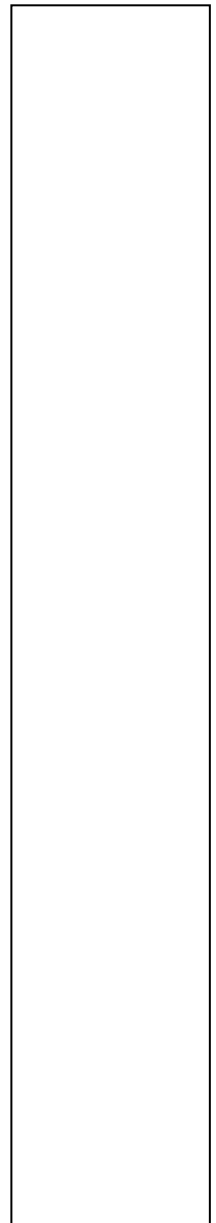
12/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2011. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12/4 Reports.

a) Police Report. There was no report, although it was understood that there had been no significant incidents in the village over the Christmas and new year period.

b) District Councillor's Report. District Councillor Gordon Marples reported on:

- Budget setting for 2012/13. The proposal was for a nil council tax increase, and the budget for the year would be tight, with a small number of redundancies. The council was examining the way in which it conducted its business, and at the committee structure, which could mean changes in the planning committee structure from may 2012.
- The South Area Planning Committee had recommended refusal of application 11/03396/FUL for development on land to the rear of Stafford House, and had asked the



MSDC Scrutiny Committee to look at the question of the Stafford bequest and whether the CCHF could sell the land. Following the meeting it had been established that this question was outside the remit of the Scrutiny Committee, and the council's Solicitor had been asked to write to the Charity commission to clarify the legal position.

- The Hassocks Amenity Association had carried out a survey of car parking in the village, and a copy of the HAA report had been passed to MSDC. Peter Gibbons had been asked to discuss the findings with the MSDC section responsible for parking.

c) County Councillor's Report. There was no report.

d) Planning Committee Meeting, 19 December 2011. The minutes were accepted by the council. RESOLVED that Leslie Campbell would become a member of the group responsible for delivering a Neighbourhood Plan for the village (see minute 11/140 (e)).

e) Rail Matters. The next Rail Group meeting would be held on 12 January 2012 when First Capital Connect would be talking about performance. The station rebuild was out to tender, and a contractor should be appointed by the end of February 2012.

f) Report from Councillors on Meetings of Outside Bodies.
None.

12/5 Chairman's Remarks. The Chairman had attended a meeting of the MSDC Community Infrastructure Levy Committee. The work was progressing well, and it looked as if towns and parishes would get significant contributions for infrastructure.

12/6 Clerk's Report. None.

12/7 Financial Report. The financial report and list of cheques presented for December 2011 were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

12/8 Adastra Park Community Pavilion. Bill Hatton, David Cumberland and the Clerk had held a meeting on 9 January 2012 with Gavin Chatfield of Accell Consulting, the Project Manager, to discuss the complete lack of progress on any of the snagging items, and defects, which had appeared in the pavilion since the Certificate of Practical Completion was issued by Ecotecture on 5 May 2011, particularly with regard to the cracking in the walls. Ecotecture and Farnrise had met on site on 27 October 2011, but no work had been carried out following the meeting. It was suggested that professional expertise was required to negotiate with the architect and contractor to establish responsibility for resolving all these issues, and it was proposed to extend the contract with Accell Consulting for this purpose. The council had also received an invoice for £7,000 from Farnrise in respect of retentions on the contract, which Accell advised was due for payment. A balance of over £60,000

remained to be paid on the contract sum. Following discussion it was RESOLVED:

- a) That Accell Consulting should be retained at a fee not exceeding £2,500 to progress the snagging and defect items with Ecotecture and Farnrise, with a view to the building being finished as soon as possible, and
- b) That as Interim Certificate 7, dated 21.10.11, had been certified by Ecotecture (architects and Contract Administrator) the seventh stage payment to Farnrise, in the sum of £7,000, was authorised for payment.

12/9 Sports Club Fees 2011. David Cumberland reported that the Keymer and Hassocks Cricket Club had not paid the £398.85 outstanding in connection with the club’s use of the pavilion in 2011, and the Adastral Bowling Club had not paid £2,975.30 in respect of hire fees for 2011. The clubs had been asked to settle the accounts by the end of December 2011, and as payment had not been received, the matter had been passed to the council’s solicitors for advice on the recovery of these outstanding amounts, as agreed at the 13 December 2011 council meeting. He hoped that the matter could be speedily resolved, but pointed out that if legal action was necessary in the case of KHCC it followed that the club would not be able to hire the pavilion for the 2012 season. The council noted the position.

12/10 Queen’s Jubilee. The proposal from the Tree Warden that the council should plant a tree for the Queen’s Jubilee was considered. It was RESOLVED that;

- a) The copper beech recently felled from the Adastral Park Memorial gardens should be replaced and
- b) The Grounds and Environment Committees should consider a location for an additional tree to mark the Queen’s Jubilee.

12/11 MSDC Community Governance Review. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to MSDC indicating that the Parish Council had made the case for the change to the wards in Hassocks, and hoping that MSDC support the proposal.

12/12 South East Water. The letter dated 22 December 2011 confirming that a Drought Order had been granted was noted.

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

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