

**HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2012 at 7.30 pm  
in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks**

Present: Bill Hatton (Chairman) Peter Gibbons  
Sue Hatton Ian Weir  
Jane Baker Paul King  
Leslie Campbell Phil Mead  
David Cumberland Frank Rylance  
Judith Foot Penny Wadsworth

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were PC John Miles, PCSO Teresa Bevan, County Councillor Colin Wilsdon and three members of the public.

**12/119 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Chris Bere and Alan Berry. District Councillor Gordon Marples also apologised for absence as he had to attend a Scrutiny Committee meeting at MSDC.

**12/120 Declarations of Interest.** Bill Hatton declared a personal interest in item 4 (g), council website, as he knew one of the directors of one of the companies quoting.

*The meeting was adjourned for public participation. There were no representations in respect of any items on the agenda.*

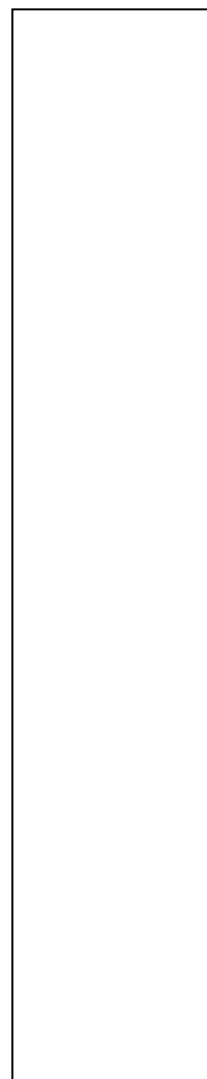
**12/121 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 October 2012.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**12/122 Reports.**

**a) Police Report** PC John Miles introduced PCSO Teresa Bevan, who had taken over responsibility for Hassocks from PCSO Emma Collett, who had moved to a different area. He reported on crime statistics for the previous month. There had been few reported crimes, and no incidents of particular significance.

**b) District Councillor's Report.** Sue Hatton reported on:

- Budget discussions at MSDC. There was a forecast underspend of £100,000 for the current financial year, but MSDC were still looking carefully at the budget for 2013/14 as there was continuing pressure on local authority spending, and MSDC were looking at "smarter" ways of working to reduce costs and maintain front line services.



- Sue Hatton would take up with MSDC the use of Clayton Green recreation ground for football while the Remembrance Service was taking place, as it had been agreed in previous years that it would not be used on Remembrance Sunday.
- c) County Councillor's Report.** Colin Wilsdon reported on:
- The new funding regime for schools, which had simplified the funding formula. There was no indication that Downlands would be adversely affected by the changes.
  - WSCC had debated cuts in adult services following a petition, but no changes to the proposals had been agreed.
  - Discussions would be held with WSCC and the developers regarding the proposed lay by outside 22-24 Keymer Road.
  - Beacon Centre. The future of the Beacon Centre was very uncertain as the freehold was being transferred from the CCHF to the developer. If Kangaroos dropped out there would be no one to take over the centre, so united support was required for Kangaroos.
- d) Planning Committee Meetings 8 and 29 October 2012.** The minutes were noted.
- e) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 11 October 2012.** The minutes were noted.
- f) Policy, Resources and Communications Meeting 18 October 2012.** The minutes were noted.
- It was RESOLVED that the quotation from Trigger Solutions for a new parish council website, in the sum of £2,700 plus VAT, was accepted, and the quotation of £200 per annum for hosting the site was accepted.
- It was RESOLVED that the budget for 2013/14 was accepted, and that precept for 2013/14 is set at £178,942. MSDC would be advised accordingly.
- g) Rail Matters.** There had been no meeting of the Rail Group since the October 2012 Parish Council meeting. It was understood that the barriers at the station were not in operation because of a mechanical fault, and the Rail Group had asked people to report when the ticket office was not open when it was scheduled to be, so that they could collect evidence of failure to man it.
- h) Report from Councillors on Meetings of Outside Bodies.** None.
- 12/123 Chairman's Remarks.**
- a) Beacon Centre.** Bill Hatton reported that he had had an approach from Graham Glenn, the WSCC Valuations and Estates Manager, to provide a letter of support from the Parish Council to enable the Kangaroos to use the Beacon Centre. The Parish Council had not had an opportunity to consider all the issues surrounding the

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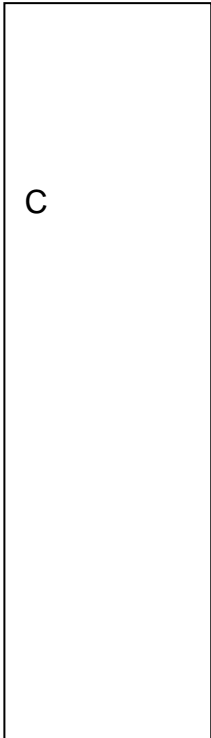
discussions between the Beacon Centre landlords, WSCC and Kangaroos, and would need more information to reach an informed decision. WSCC had been asked to provide details of the current arrangements, and future options. It was RESOLVED that an Extraordinary meeting of the parish council would be held on 21 November 2012 at 7.30 pm, to discuss the approach from WSCC.

- b) MSALC Conference.** Bill Hatton had attended the MSALC Conference. It was suggested at the meeting that the planning figures for the South east of England would be announced by the government in December 2012.
- c) Downlands.** A meeting with the school had been held on 24 October 2012, and the notes had been circulated.

**12/124 Clerk's Report.** There were no issues to raise.

**12/125 Financial Report.** The financial report and list of cheques presented for October 2012 were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**12/126 Correspondence.** None.



There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Chairman.....

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