

SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held

on Thursday 24th April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, High Street, Handcross.

Sally Mclean – Clerk to the Council

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Present: Cllr's Sue Hance, Michael Earle, Billie Bridges, Gail Boustead, Pat Long, Bob St George, Simon Goyder. John Welch, Andrew McNaughton, Kim Godwin, Lesley Read,

Others Present: 2 members of Public

- 1 **Open Forum;** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting for questions from the members of the public
Request for a bench at the Bus Stop by Nymans – Council to look at funding available to see if this will
- 2 **Apologies for absence;** Cllr David Clare
- 3 **Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda.** None
- 4 **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Extraordinary Meeting 6th March 2014 and Full Council 27th March 2014 previously distributed APPROVED
- 5 **Matters from District and County Councillors:** to receive verbal reports from representatives of other authorities
 - 5.1 Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC)
Cllr McNaughton will raise the issue of the email to SPC with regards the Dog Bin Notices with MSDC and ask why they are not permitted when they have been in situ for at least 8 months. SPC have had problems with individuals leaving not just bags but sacks of Dog Waste by the Bin in Handcross Recreation Ground
 - 5.2 West Sussex County Council County Local Committee (WSCC/CLC) None Present
- 6 **Committee Reports:** to receive and note committee and advisory group updates:
 - 6.1 Finance and Policy – Meeting to review draft accounts for Annual Return 8th May 2014
 - 6.2 Recreation – Allotment Assoc Meeting scheduled 1st May 2014 with a representative Paul Neary from the national allotment association to provide a presentation on how an association can be formed and benefits of that.
Pavilion: Installation of new fire doors in progress. Fire Risk Assessment Procedure, Clerk to discuss with the Chairman of the Seaforth Hall
 - 6.3 Neighbourhood Planning – Meeting schedule 3rd June, that will look at the composition of the committee, and Sustainability Appraisal work
 - 6.4 Community Halls – The Committee held an informal meeting on 15th April to discuss management and constitution for the facility to include ongoing maintenance and responsibilities, it was decided that further information was required from MSDC on the lease and relationship is required before further work can be done in this area or more detail within the plan. The Procedural meeting scheduled with MSDC on the 2nd May.
- 7 **Chairman's Report**
To review Chairman's updates
 - 7.1 APM 22nd May 2014 – Will be held in the Pavilion, Cllr Hance has arranged for Sue Edgeson to give a talk on voluntary services, to hopefully include Help At Hand and the Handcross Community Bus Service.
- 8 **Correspondence/Publications/Consultations:**
To review items of correspondence
 - 8.1 MSDC PRESS RELEASE Councils call for residents to help reduce dog fouling
Mid Sussex District Council and Burgess Hill Town Council are joining together to reduce dog mess in the town by launching a 'don't turn your back on dog fouling' campaign to help catch irresponsible dog owners
- 9 **Finance:**
 - 9.1 List of Accounts for Payment: To review list of accounts for payment
 - 9.2 Tree Works- To approve the recent report of required tree works. APPROVED
St Catherines Hospice Donation £200 APPROVED
- 10 **Information Items**
To review information items received
 - 10.1 Mid Sussex District Council is publishing the submitted Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Neighbourhood Plan. The publication will run for six weeks from 10th April 2014 until 23rd May 2014
 - 10.2 Dog Bin Posters SPC were asked by Waste Services MSDC to removed notices - see item 6.1
 - 10.3 Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Training Date - CVS and Mid Sussex (South) CVS are arranging a half day course on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults at Jubilee Community Church on Tuesday 10th June 2014 Tuesday 10th June 2014 9.30 am – 12.30pm, Jubilee Community Church, Charlwoods Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 2HL

10.4 DCLG Publication: Existing guidance for holding voluntary and community events was unclear and inconsistent, and often focused on what people can't do rather than on what they can. This lack of clear guidance has resulted in an inaccurate perception that it is somehow impossible to run an event without getting through masses of red tape. In response we have published a new "Can do" guide at www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-organisers-of-voluntary-events to provide a central resource for people planning community-led events.

11 **Highways/Footpaths**

To review highways projects/items

12.1 Slaugham: Public Rights of Way Routine Maintenance

12 **Police / NHW Report / Resilience Group Reports**

12.1 Crime Bulletin cc'd All

13 **Any other Matters that the Chairman wishes to raise for future discussion:**

The CLT group have now been approved and received and have their legal governance in place and are now in position to recruit members.

Chairman of Seaforth Chris Hinchey has asked the Council for a donation toward storm damage repairs to the roof of the hall. Clerk to receive clarification on what match funding had been agreed, the total costs of repairs and who would be doing the work.

There were questions around the lease to the Parish Hall and as to whether the Hyde Estate were closing the doors this month, or if the lease was being extended on a month by month or year by year basis until a replacement was in place. Cllr Boustead or Cllr Long to confirm.

Further discussion surrounding Oil and Fuel purchasing syndicate that Cllr Godwin will investigate further and distribute the information.

Cllr Welch provided an update on the liaison meeting group hosted by MSDC on the new runway planned at Gatwick and provided notes which he issued to members on 4th April asking for comments before the 17th April 2014. His final report was sent on the 17th April to MSDC.

Report from Slaugham Parish following our meeting at Oaklands 4/4/14.

I summarised the key issues highlighted at the 4th April meeting and circulated to other members of the Slaugham Parish Council and to residents in the village of Slaugham.

Despite my guidance that we were looking for concerns, "if a second runway were to be built at Gatwick" there were a number of inputs opposing the building of the additional runway at Gatwick, citing Global Warming, urban sprawl and traffic gridlock. I mention this in passing as it highlights the importance of getting over the message regarding the consultation process.

Turning to the significant comments, the first aspect arises from one of our councillors, who has worked in an aviation related operation adjacent to Gatwick for over twenty years. She emphasises the transport problems that already beset Gatwick and the north Crawley area, so that doubling the passenger activity will require a substantial investment in road building together with improvements in public transport.

The second issue relates to Slaugham Parish, where we are very concerned to maintain the Strategic Gap between north Pease Pottage and south west Crawley. It is vital that rural parishes retain their distinctive personality and clear geographic delineation from the larger towns.

Other inputs relate to the changes in flight paths which are certainly concerning people in Warnham though my impression is that Slaugham Parish from Pease Pottage down to Warninglid are far more concerned about traffic and housing than aircraft noise.

SPC Newsletter – As we are missing a delivery mechanism for Warninglid investigation into whether this could be via the residents association electronically. The Clerk to investigate further

Date of Next Meeting - APM 22nd May Full Council 29th May 2014

Signed Sally Mclean - Clerk to the Council Date 13th May 2014