

SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council members are summoned to a Meeting to be held
on Thursday 25th July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, High Street, Handcross.

Sally Mclean – Clerk to the Council

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Present: Sue Hance (chair), Michael Earle, Chris Hinchey, John Welch, Gail Boustead, Pat Long, Bob St George, Simon Goyder, Billie Bridges, David Clare

Others Present: Cllr's Bill Acraman and Peter Griffiths 2 members of Public

- 1 **Open Forum;** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting for questions from the members of the public: None
- 2 **Apologies for absence;** Andrew McNaughton
- 3 **Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda.** None
- 4 **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** 27th June 2013 previously distributed APPROVED
- 5 **Co-Option** –Council advertised Members vacancy in the villages of Pease Pottage and Handcross for the statutory period for the receipt of petitions for election from 10 electors or more and to date no valid notifications have been received, the Council are therefore permitted to co-opt in accordance with (Rule 6 of 1986 Rules and s86 Local government Act 1972).

To receive Councillors declarations of office – New members will be asked to sign the declaration to office in front of the Proper Officer and produce their register of interests (ROI) within the statutory timescales.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED by majority vote to co-opt Ms Lesley Read and Ms Kim Godwin as a Member of Slaugham Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed Cllr 's Read and Godwin to the Council and the declaration of Acceptance of office was signed

- 6 **Matters from District and County Councillors:** to receive verbal reports from representatives of other authorities
 - 6.1 Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) None Present
 - 6.2 West Sussex County Council Local Committee (WSSC/CLC)
Parking Coo's Lane – Cllr Acraman advised that the Council obtain quotes for the works required along In the form of grasstex, which is also being looked at Handcross Primary School to alleviate parking issues

Winter Plans – Clerk request assistance from County Councillors in the unrealistic time set by County to deliver winter plans and the reasoning behind the statement made that grit bins would not be refilled once filled at the beginning of the winter months – Cllr Peter Griffiths agreed to find out more information and report back.

West Sussex County Council has voted to support in principle the expansion of Gatwick Airport on economic grounds. A notice of motion went in before the full Council meeting today (Friday) and was approved by 42 votes to 10 with 12 abstentions. The debate took place with Gatwick Airport Ltd (GAL) due to lodge its proposals with the Government's Airports Commission, which are expected to include a second runway.

The Airports Commission is due to issue an initial report by the end of 2013, which will include options for further investigation for increasing airport capacity with a final report in the summer of 2015.
For further information please see
http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/your_council/news_and_events/news/2013_archive/july_2013/county_council_votes_to_support.aspx

- 7 **Committee Reports:** to receive and note committee and advisory group updates:
 - 7.1 Finance and Policy – NALC/SALC Clerk Salary Review 1% Increase backdated to April 2013
 - 7.2 Recreation –
Handcross Recreation Ground – Fountain Boundary request by developer to cut back over hanging branches and general tidy up along the fence line and retaining wall was APPROVED.
Furnance Pond – It was brought to the attention of the PC by the Slaugham Angling Society that they were experiencing some fish mortalities the Environmental Agency were undertaking tests to determine the cause, in the meantime permission to excavate a hole where the fish could be buried as recommended by the EA –APPROVED
Slaugham Playground Variation of Lease – Request was made by Lucy Prichard Gordon to make an alteration to the land at the Playground in the reclaiming 4.42 metres from the swing frame, for a new fence – this has been approved in principle with recommendations made by the PC's Playground advisor and has been given to the PC's solicitor to draw up the necessary paperwork.

7.3 Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Chris Hinchey gave an overview of the plan the current status and what is required of the current committee over the next few months and the work currently being done to form a Community Land Trust. Notices will be issued to the community to advise - Please see below achieved milestones and those that are being work towards for further information please see the Neighbourhood Plan on the website

- ✓ May 2013 Submission of draft to MSDC
- ✓ 31 May 2103 MSDC legal check of submitted plan
- ✓ June 2013 MSDC contact examiners board
- ✓ 5 June 2013 MSDC meeting with SPCNP to discuss status, timescales, and appointment of examiner
- 13th June to 25 July 2013 MSDC publish SPNDP for 6 week consultation

Next Stages - Dates to be determined Next NDP Meeting 8th August 2013 at 7.30pm

- Evidence, responses and accompanying information sent to examiner by MSDC
- Commencement of examination
- Examiner decides on type of examination and whether a hearing is required
- Examiner issues final report
- Referendum

7.4 Community Halls – The survey is currently being analysed and a meeting with MSDC is to be scheduled SM to discuss with Cllr McNaughton next meeting.

8 Chairman's Report

To review Chairman's report updates

8.1 Chairman's Garden Party Nominations - The nomination was agreed

8.2 Clays Lake Presentation by the Environment Agency – Presentation by the EA to members would appear to suggest that nothing had changed from previous application on the other than a slight reduction in the movement of traffic – Council 's position remains the same in that the movement of traffic is unacceptable through the village/s and Parish Lane

9 Correspondence/Publications/Consultations:

To review items of correspondence

9.1 MSDC Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation - cc'd to all for comment

10 Finance:

10.1 List of Accounts for Payment: To review list of accounts for payment APPROVED

10.2 Council to agree to retrospective approval of payments made in August at the September Council Meeting AGREED

10.3 Community Bus S106 Contribution Request – Request for further contributions over the £10k already approved was not approved

11 Information Items

To review information items received

11.1 U3A Group of towns and Villages 14th October – Clerk asked for volunteers so that a group visit can be organised

11.2 Winter Management Plan Cllr's Earle and Bridges agreed to review the Plan

11.3 St Catherine's Hospice Balcombe Fund Raising Walk Banner Request to display Banner - AGREED

12 Special Projects Items

To review progress on special projects

12.1 A23 Handcross Bridge –

12.2 Bus Shelter Handcross Bridge-

12.3 Notice Boards – Boards received SM to schedule date for installation

12.4 Tree's – to review survey breakdown of costs for works to be scheduled

13 Highways

To review highways projects/items

13.1 Independent Traffic Survey Deferred whilst A23 works in progress

13.2 Footpath Pease Pottage/Handcross / Parking School- SM to chase County Councillor

14 Police / NHW Report / Resilience Group Reports

14.1 Crime Bulletin cc'd All

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

Date of Next Meeting - 26th September 2013

Signed Sally Mclean - Clerk to the Council Date 18th July 2013