

# SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2 Coltstaple Cottages, Coltstaple Lane, Horsham, RH13 9BB

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting held

on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, High Street, Handcross.

Sally Mclean – Clerk to the Council

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**Present:** Cllr's Chris Hinchey, Billie Bridges, Gail Boustead, John Welch, Lesley Read, Bob St George, Pat Long, Andrew McNaughton

- 1 **Open Forum;** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting for questions from the members of the public
- 2 **Apologies for absence;** Cllr's Sue Hance, Michael Earle and Simon Goyder
- 3 **Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda.** None
- 4 **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013 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 Andrew McNaughton provided an update on the TPO's in relation the Black Swan site
  - 5.2 West Sussex County Council County Local Committee (WSSC/CLC) County Councillor Peter Griffiths  
It was noted that WSSC had supported the second runway at Gatwick Cuadrilla had now withdrawn their application for drilling and the protestors would be moved on shortly. PG Report on the New signs in Coos Lane - *A request for amphibian warning signs was first raised on 30/11/2012 by a member of the community living in Coos Lane. British amphibia are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. All amphibians are given some protection, and we are obliged to consider ways that we can protect amphibians where we are made aware that there are, or may be, habitats in certain areas. One of the greatest threats to amphibians is motor vehicles and it is therefore often useful to introduce signage to warn drivers that there may be amphibians in the area and to be aware when driving. The purpose is to make drivers aware of the need for extra caution.*  
  
*As you would imagine this was not a standard request and therefore, perhaps not surprisingly, it took some time to progress. Furthermore our processes may be revised so that such requests are channelled to the local members seeking their support.*  
  
*We had hoped that these signs could be of a type that has a flap that would be operated by the community. This would mean that the signs would not be visible at all times, and mainly used during migrations or mating seasons to warn drivers to be vigilant, hence it does not necessarily matter that some will be hidden by leaves at certain times of year. However it has been difficult to establish a community arrangement for the management of these signs, and so fixed signs have now gone up, but should be of a temporary nature until the flap type signs can be installed in the longer term.*  
  
*I apologise that the Parish Council were not made aware of the proposals. I have been assured that we will continue to work to ensure that communication between WSSC teams supports better communication with the parish.*  
  
*These works were driven by our need to comply with legislation and have separate (EU) funding stream.*
- 6 **Committee Reports:** to receive and note committee and advisory group updates:
  - 6.1 Finance and Policy – None
  - 6.2 Recreation – Cllr Boustead raised recent correspondence received from the Playgroup Committee after discussion it was agreed that a review of the facility and its use is required, Cllr Hance, Boustead and the Clerk will coordinate the required information and arrange a recreation meeting in the near future
  - 6.3 Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Hinchey provided an update on the four days of the appeal in relation to the Hyde applications/ Cllr John Welch will circulate the summary reports to the members of council for more information
  - 6.4 Community Halls – Cllr Bridges and the Clerk are preparing the necessary brief for MSDC
- 7 **Chairman's Report**  
To review Chairman's updates None
- 8 **Correspondence/Publications/Consultations:**  
To review items of correspondence None
- 9 **Finance:**
  - 9.1 List of Accounts for Payment: To review list of accounts for payment APPROVED Proposed Cllr David Clare second Cllr John Welch
  - 9.2 Council to agree to retrospective approval of payments made in August at the this Meeting APPROVED to Included payment to rCOH Planning Consultants, Cllr John Welch request breakdown on the costs for the CRTBO's work
- 10 **Information Items**  
To review information items received

- 10.1 U3A Group of towns and Villages 14<sup>th</sup> October Clerk to issued email to all that have volunteered
- 10.2 Winter Management Plan Draft

11 **Special Projects Items**

**To review progress on special projects**

- 11.1 A23 Handcross Bridge – Agenda item to be removed
- 11.2 Bus Shelter Handcross Bridge- Cllr Boustead to review recent correspondence received on funding.

12 **Highways**

**To review highways projects/items**

- 12.1 Footpath Pease Pottage/Handcross / Parking School –Clerk to review with Bill Acramen

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

- 13.1 Crime Bulletin cc'd All

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

Date of Next Meeting - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013

**Signed** Sally Mclean - Clerk to the Council **Date** 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013