

# SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on Thursday 30 January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, High Street, Handcross.

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*Minutes remain in draft until the next meeting of Council*

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

**Others Present:** 6 members of public

**1 Open Forum;** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting for questions from the members of the public

Mr Alex Pickering of Covert Mead, Handcross HRAG asked the following questions:

Now that the NHP had been rejected how are the PC taking it forward and what are the timescales?, Will the PC be looking at Consultation claw back?,

Mr Colin Smith of Coe's Lane, Handcross HRAG stated:

The Parish had spent in region of 80k, where will they find the money to do another Neighbourhood Plan?

Cllr Hance responded that the PC were yet to meet as Committee to review the report and resolve on a way forward for the Plan, a procedural meeting with MSDC was in hand that will assist the PC with some of the options. She also advised that Mr Colin Smith was incorrect in the figure spent to date by the PC as the amount spent on the NHP is approximately £20.5k to date, with grants of £7.3k, a net cost to the Parish of just over £13k. The CRTBOs cost £54k, all of which was covered by grants with no cost to the Parish.

Members were advised that this was not the right meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and how it will be taken forward in detail, and that an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this alone would be of great benefit to members and the Community this was set for the 6<sup>th</sup> March an agenda would be issued nearer the time

**2 Apologies for absence;** Cllr's Chris Hinchey, Bob St George, County Councillor Peter Griffiths

**3 Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda.** None

**4 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 previously distributed

**5 Matters from District and County Councillors:** to receive verbal reports from representatives of other authorities

5.1 Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC)

5.2 West Sussex County Council County Local Committee (WSCC/CLC)

Cllr Griffiths advised Cllr Hance (by prior email) that he was working with the PC Community Officer on the Issues Log held at WSCC for the area, specifically the grit bin at Slaugham which had not been filled. He wanted to advise that he was in support of the Neighbourhood Plan. He was continuing to push for the funding required to replace the Community Bus

**6 Committee Reports:** to receive and note committee and advisory group updates:

6.1 Finance and Policy – Internal Auditor confirmed for 2014/15

6.2 Recreation – Meeting scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Request received for a further dog bin to be located at St Marys Church, Slaugham – Clerk advised that MSDC collection was at capacity when this was investigated last year for a larger bin to be installed at the Recreation Ground Handcross, the PC were advised to look at clustering with other Parishes who are also in demand to share costs - Cllr McNaughton suggested contacting Pru Moore at MSDC to see what the demand was to date.

Cllr Boustead request permission for the Pavilion Fire Doors to be repaired or replaced and will obtain the necessary reports and quotes required

6.3 Neighbourhood Planning – Members were asked to provide their own brief initial thoughts on the result of the examiner's report - the general view was that the PC should push forward, that the outcome was not the anticipated one but gave the PC the opportunity to re-engage and include the changes that had evolved within the Parish since the process began. Further discussion will take place on this at the Extraordinary Meeting scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. Recreation Ground, Handcross.

6.4 Community Halls – Louise Beeton of AIRs provided a draft Business Plan for the new Finches Field Facility, this was distributed to the Group and MSDC for review – Cllr McNaughton Chair of the group felt that it lacked content and was very similar to others that have been provided to MSDC – Clerk and Cllr Bridges will set a date to review the detail and discuss further with Louise Beeton. Clerk will chase David Harper and Elaine Clarke at MSDC for their comments.

- 7 **Chairman's Report**  
To review Chairman's updates  
7.1 Request to do work on trees on Common Land Boundary trees at The Old School House Slaughtam.  
RESOLVED  
7.2 Request from Angling Club to work on Car Park RESOLVED
- 8 **Correspondence/Publications/Consultations:**  
To review items of correspondence- cc'd all
- 9 **Finance:**  
9.1 List of Accounts for Payment: To review list of accounts for payment inc December 2013 RESOLVED
- 10 **Information Items**  
To review information items received- None to report
- 11 **Special Projects Items**  
**To review progress on special projects – None**
- 12 **Highways/Public Footpaths**  
**To review highways projects/items**  
12.1 Slaughtam – Proposed Diversion of Part of Footpath 6S Slaughtam – The Council have no objection or comment to the relocation of the Footpath RESOLVED
- 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 - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Signed Sally Mclean - Clerk to the Council Date 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014