

SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on Thursday 31st October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, High Street, Handcross.

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Present: Sue Hance, Gail Boustead, Michael Earle, Andrew McNaughton, Kim Godwin, John Welch, Billie Bridges, Pat Long, David Clare, Bob St George, Lesley Read

Others Present: 10 members of Public

- 1 **Open Forum;** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting for questions from the members of the public
- 2 **Apologies for absence;** Cllr's Chris Hinchey, 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.** 26th September 2013 APPROVED
- 5 **Matters from District and County Councillors:** to receive verbal reports from representatives of other authorities
 - 5.1 Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Nothing to Report
 - 5.2 West Sussex County Council County Local Committee (WSCC/CLC) No report
- 6 **Committee Reports:** to receive and note committee and advisory group updates:
 - 6.1 Finance and Policy – Meeting to be held mid November to review and agree budget for 2014/15
 - 6.2 Recreation – Meeting to be schedule for 5th December
 - 6.3 Neighbourhood Planning – A hearing on the plan scheduled for 4th November as status report will be issued for information to members
 - 6.4 Community Halls – Cllr McNaughton informed Council that MSDC are in discussions with the Simpson Trust in relation to the parcel of Land that is currently leased to the Council directly adjacent to Finches Field: This will enable the District Council to link the other recreation field that is owned by MSDC behind the Hemsley's, and for the Parish to keep the senior football pitches on Finches Field where the new hall will be sited - these discussions are currently ongoing.
- 7 **Chairman's Report**

To review Chairman's updates

 - 7.1 CLT Update – Debra Logan provided an update on the Community Land Trust
With the completion of the neighbourhood plan, and in order to explore a potential way to deliver new housing for the village, various interested parties from the village, including Parish councillors have gotten together on four occasions to discuss creating a community land trust.
The first two meetings were informational, with guest speakers from Action in Rural Sussex and Resonance, an organization that assists community land trusts in the UK. We have heard from them on two occasions now, and the discussion was led by Bob Paterson.

Bob Paterson: Finance Director Bob is a social finance expert with 40 years of professional experience. His former roles include 14 years as Senior Visiting Research Fellow Community Finance Solutions at the University of Salford, where he led the development of several innovative developments in the field of community property finance, including founding Community Land & Finance CIC in 2008. Prior to this, he held the positions of Finance Director and subsequently Managing Director of Portsmouth Housing Association, which he built-up with over 5000 properties, assets of £25m and 100 employees. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and was elected as an Ashoka Fellow in March 2008.
Our third meeting was to discuss the mission and vision of the CLT, along with the governance structure. I am currently working on a vision statement
Each meeting has drawn a group of between 20 and 30, with some different people and some of the same people attending each time.
The idea of the CLT start up is that we will work as quickly as we can to become a legal entity, so that we can then invite ALL members of the Parish to join, to give the organization democratic status and legitimacy.
Between now and then, I have agreed with Sue that all CLT activities will be reported to the Parish council on a monthly basis, to make sure that the process remains transparent and inclusive, and governed by the SPC if necessary.
Our next meeting will be during the week of the 18th of November
 - 7.2 Handcross Fun Day – Chairman thanked the Chairman of the RA Neil Mitchell for a great fun day.
 - 7.3 Winter Management Plan – Cllr Earle and Bridges have completed the required stages for WSSC and 4 bags of Grit will be delivered to Billies Fathers Farm for storage, the Resilience Group now need to complete the procedures where the villages can work together to deliver salt over the winter period, identifying who and how. Cllr Read agreed to provide a list of priority roads for Handcross.

8 **Correspondence/Publications/Consultations:**

To review items of correspondence

8.1 CPC to MSDC – Sale of Assets by MSDC – SPC have no comments to add

9 **Finance:**

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

10 **Information Items**

To review information items received

The new parish notice boards have been installed outside the Spar and at the Pavilion Recreation Handcross.

Request to the Angling Club at Furnace Pond to fill in the hole that was used to dispose of diseased fish during the virus outbreak

11 **Special Projects Items**

To review progress on special projects

11.1 Bus Shelter Handcross Bridge- Members were previously sent information on the new bus shelter for the Horsham Road site, a decision on type and size was agreed. APPROVED

12 **Highways**

To review highways projects/items

12.1 Footpath Pease Pottage/Handcross / Parking School – The Clerk advised Council that no further information had been received from County Councillor Bill Acramen although a discussion with Bevelry Clayden who works with Bill in this area, will be looking the alternatives suggested, a suggested solution was a park and stride from the Recreation Ground, it was advised that this was a concern during the A23 works and the increase in traffic on the high street that visibility in and out of the recreation was a concern for those using it currently, and with an increase could potentially be high risk for pedestrians and other road users

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:**

Communication Strategy

Date of Next Meeting - 28th November 2013

Signed Sally Mclean - Clerk to the Council **Date** 17th November 2013