

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2013

**Present:** Mr A Revill (Chairman), Mrs J Macdonald-Lawson (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Pack, Mr I Heustice, Mr F Martin, Dr I Goodall, Mr M Taylor, Mrs H Grantham, Dr A Guyatt, Mrs E Hamilton (CDC), Mr M Brown (WSCC), the Clerk and three members of the public.

The first ten minutes were available for the public to express a view or ask questions about any item on the Agenda.

A member of the public expressed concern about poor driver visibility when leaving Hollist Lane at the junction with Dodsley Lane. Overgrown vegetation on the bank below High Path restricted the view of traffic approaching the junction from the Midhurst direction. In addition, she complained about the speed of traffic approaching the junction despite a new 30mph speed limit being in force. Could bollards be installed at the junction? The Clerk will ask WSCC to cut back the vegetation. Speeding traffic to be dealt with under Agenda item 53.

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**41 Apologies for Absence:** Mr A Thomas

**42 Declaration of Interest:** none

**43 The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2013** were confirmed as a true record. **Proposed by Mr Heustice, seconded by Mr Martin, all in Favour.**

**44 Councillor Vacancy:** There have been four applications to fill the vacancy. Two applicants, Mr Jose Galego and Mr Robert Bridger, attended the meeting and addressed the Council. As the other two applicants were unable to attend and have been invited to address the November meeting, no decision on an appointment will be made until then.

**45 Reports from District Councillor and County Councillor:** Mr Brown (WSCC) reported that the procedure for obtaining a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) is to be speeded up if there are 5 objections or less to the proposal. The WSCC Pension fund has been increased, thus reducing pressure on tax payers. Flooding relief work has been done at North Mill Bridge. Mr Heustice asked if installation of bollards at Hollist Lane/Dodsley Lane junction would need a TRO. Mr Brown thought that the answer would be yes. Mrs Hamilton (CDC) reported a review of senior management at the District Council with a reduction in the number of posts. The next meeting with Parishes is on 17th October with one of the main topics being the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). The new Grange Centre in Midhurst is on time and within budget. Several supermarkets have shown interest in the old Grange Centre site. Free home energy checks are available for the over 60s and those on low incomes - phone 01243 521041 for details. The next N W Forum meeting is on 26th September at Capron House, Midhurst.

**46 Finance:**

a) The following payments were noted (cheque numbers 100-)

233	WSCC, street lighting maintenance and electricity for year to 31.03.13	1,939.25
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234	B Wegg, playground strimming	15.00
235	Broker Network , Insurance for year from 01.08.13	599.99
236	Action in Rural Sussex, Village Hall professional advice	183.96
237	Petty Cash	41.59
238	Madhurst, Grant	250.00
239	Action in Rural Sussex, Village Hall Workshop, delegate fee	12.00
240	Playsafety, annual ROSPA inspection and report	92.40
241	Littlejohn LLP, external audit of accounts for year to 31.03.13	120.00
242	Glasdon, Grit/Salt bin for Henley	214.93

b) The internal check of accounts for July and August 2013 – still to be done

c) Receipt of audited accounts for year to 31.03.13 and display of “Public Right to Inspect the Annual Return” notices, as legally required, was noted

**47 Planning:**

The following planning decisions were noted		<b>EPC</b>	<b>SDNP</b>
13/02067/FUL	Northgate, Dodsley Grove, amendments to previously approved 13/00061/FUL	No Obj	Permit

13/01873/APNB	Provide slurry storage CDC/SDNPA making decision before closing date for comments.	No Comment	Permit
13/02942/TPO	14 Hurst Park, tree reduction	No Obj	Permit
13/02833/TCA	C16 & Parkway, tree reduction	No Obj	Permit
13/02944/HOUS	Wollaton, Easebourne Lane, convert garage and first floor over, 2 storey extension	No obj	Permit

#### **48 Reports from the Panels**

Playground: the annual ROSPA inspection carried out and no problems reported. Damaged gate to playground now repaired.

Burial Ground: all in good order although gate still not repaired/replaced by PCC. PCC are aware of the delay. Cost of future maintenance of the burial ground to be discussed with contractor.

Footpaths: next survey due in November. Considerable maintenance has occurred recently.

Grants: Requests from Midhurst Community Bus Association and CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau). A grant of £250 for the Midhurst Community Bus was **proposed by Dr Guyatt, seconded by Mr Martin, all in favour.** A grant of £100 for the CAB, with the condition that weekly sessions are held in Midhurst, was **proposed by Dr Goodall, seconded by Mrs Macdonald-Lawson, all in favour.**

**49 Telephone Boxes:** an appeal to the public requesting ideas for the future use of the Dodsley Lane disused telephone kiosk had produced only one comment, in favour of retention. The choice, therefore, was to remove the kiosk or renovate it and keep it for its heritage value. Retention was proposed by Dr Goodall with estimates for renovation of the kiosk to be obtained and discussed at the November meeting.

**50 Bus Shelters:** a survey of the Parish Council owned bus shelters had highlighted the poor condition of some of them. An autumn “Clean-up” of the shelters, along the lines of the Spring Clean, was **proposed by Mrs Macdonald-Lawson, seconded by Mr Pack, all in favour.** The “Clean-up” will be on Saturday 19th October at 10am, meeting in the Cowdray Estate office car park. The Clerk will advertise in United, on notice boards and web site and also in the Observer. Yellow jackets and bin bags to be obtained from CDC with participants bring their own brooms, secateurs and gloves. Estimate to be obtained for repair to the roof of the shelter in Easebourne Lane, opposite Middleton Lodge.

**51 Village Hall Steering Group and CDC New Homes Bonus:** Mrs Macdonald-Lawson

reported that the lease “Draft Heads of Terms” were still to be finally agreed with WSCC, especially concerning the length of the lease. The field was now looking like a meadow and efforts to have it cut were in hand. This will probably be done by a local farmer as estimates received from a contractor were much too high. It is proposed to survey parents as to their views on the playground move and how much their children would use it. Quotes for installing a new playground and/or moving some of the existing equipment are being obtained, prior to submission of a grant request to the CDC New Homes Bonus scheme.

**52 Flooding:** considerable work at North Mill Bridge has been carried out by WSCC, lowering kerbs and increasing drainage. Further work to realign the road surface is still to be carried out.

**53 WSCC Grass verge cutting and speeding traffic:** differing advice has been received from WSCC regarding the parish taking on some grass cutting services. Progress unclear at the present time. Following the last Parish Council meeting WSCC have agreed to deploy speed loops on both Dodsley Lane and Easebourne Lane. These will monitor the speed of traffic in the 30mph zone, particularly Dodsley Lane where the new 30mph restrictions appear to be being ignored.

**54 The Purple Bus:** no report, carried forward to next meeting.

**55 Late Correspondence:** Information received from the Midhurst and Easebourne Sports Community Management Co Ltd about the proposal for improvements to the Rotherfield Sports field and its buildings.

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**Next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm.**