

## **HARTING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting of Harting Parish Council held in the **Harting Community Hall, Pease Croft, South Harting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr Shaxson, Mr Healey, Dr Bowman, , Mrs Dawson, Mr Stuttaford, Mr Powys Maurice, Mr Johnson-Hill and.

In attendance: Mrs Walker (Parish Clerk) and Dr O’Kelly (County Councillor)

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

**141 Apologies for absence:** Mrs Gammon, Mr Bonner, Mrs Bramley, Mr Palmer.

**142 Declarations of Interest:** Mr Johnson-Hill as Trustee of Harting Community Hall

**143 Minutes from the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**144 Questions from the Public:** None

**145 Matter of Urgent Public Importance:** None

**146 Reports from the County and District Councillors**

Dr O’Kelly, the County Councillor, reported that, following the Bus Strategy Consultation, the County Council is now undertaking a wider Bus Consultation and hoping to gauge the view of individuals. The deadline for responses is 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The County budget is an ongoing issue and it appears that discretionary areas, such as social care support, will be hardest hit.

The Health and Adult Social Care Committee are due to scrutinise the decision to close the Bailey Unit at Midhurst Community Hospital and hope that the information will help to prevent a similar situation in other areas.

Following a question by a councilor Dr O’Kelly confirmed that the Leader of the County Council has promised to review the impact of the event on the area.

Mr Shaxson gave a report as the District Councillor. Following concerns some District Councillors are investigating the process which led to the sale of The Grange in Midhurst. The Connections magazine circulated in the area states that WSCC will be gathering feedback from “all concerned”. There are concerns that this may not happen.

The CDC have launched a campaign to phase out single use plastics and it is hoped that by setting an example others will follow suit.

Mr Shaxson reported that the District Council has agreed that the North of Nyewood should become part of the Harting parish. There is some confusion surrounding the start date of the change as it appears to be 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 despite the decision being made in September 2018.

There is also concern if WSCC cut funding to charities and other discretionary areas that pressure may be placed on the District Council to make up the difference and this has not been budgeted.

*Action: Clerk to contact SALC with reference to the boundary change date.*

#### **147 Request for a Meeting Room and WIFI at Harting Community Hall (HCH)**

The councillors discussed the problems which arise due to the lack of a suitably sized and accessible meeting room. The popularity of the hall means that the main hall is often not available in the weekday evenings, and the upper committee room cannot be used due to accessibility and fire safety regulations.

The councillors agreed that it would be desirable to have a regular meeting place where equipment could be stored, this being a particular issue since the paperless planning system has started. It would also be a valuable asset for HCH to hire out to other organisations. There was an understanding that costs would be involved in the consideration of this and for the development of a scheme, if agreed. The councillors agreed to approach the HCH to request that they investigate the development of a meeting room and ask them to report the findings back to the Parish Council.

It was also agreed to approach HCH committee about the provision of internet and WIFI services, although this would not be essential, it would be useful.

*The following recommendations were agreed:*

- i. That the Council formally request that Harting Community Hall (HCH) consider the provision of WIFI to be made available to users of the facilities*
- ii. That the Council formally request that HCH consider the redevelopment of the facilities to provide a suitably sized and accessible meeting room.*

*Action: Clerk to contact HCH with request.*

#### **148 South Gardens access Road update**

The clerk confirmed that evidence has been located from the archived minutes to show that the Parish Council has paid for the culvert in the South Gardens access road to be replaced in 1964 and for the road to be resurfaced in 2007.

The councillors debated whether the ownership of the South Gardens access road could be finalised by a statutory declaration. It was felt that legal advice should be sought to ascertain whether there is sufficient evidence for Land Registry to agree ownership.

It was agreed that quotes for legal advice should be sought, as previously agreed in Minute 104 (July 2018).

*The following recommendation was agreed:*

*To note the report*

#### **149 WSCC Bus Consultation**

WSCC, following the Bus Strategy Consultation in May 2018, are extending the consultation into communities to find out how passengers use the supported services throughout the County. The Bus Consultation Survey will relate to subsidised services, including Stagecoach routes through Harting parish.

The questionnaire can be completed on-line or by hard copies which are available from the Village Shop. The councillors were urged to encourage members of the community to complete the services, even if they do not use the bus services regularly. Posters are on display on the village noticeboards and in the Village Shop.

The Council will respond to the survey, this will be finalised at the November Council meeting.

*The following recommendation was agreed:*

*To note the report*

#### **150. Finance**

**150.1.** It was agreed that the following payments should be made:

Undisclosed	Clerk & RFO Salary - October	725.52
M H Kennedy & Son Ltd	Grass Cutting	324.00
Lady Traill	Allotment rent	25.00
Mrs H Tuke	Hospital Car Phone	180.00
Petersfield Citizen Advice Bureau	Donation	300.00
Harting PCC	Burial Grant	200.00
Harting Congregational Church	Burial Grant	200.00
Mr A Shaxson	Chairman's Allowance	200.00
JnR Computer Service	Replacement Laptop battery	21.50
Came & Co	Harting Community Hall insurance	1292.11
Reeves Arboricultural Services	Tree works Warren & South Gardens	7248.00

**150.2.** The following receipts were noted:  
Hiscox Insurance £1510.40 (duplicate payment from a claim made by HCH in June 2018. Confirmation is awaited from the insurers to enable a refund to be made.)

**151. Bank Reconciliation for October 2018**

It was noted that the bank reconciliation had been scrutinised and signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Chairman of the Council then signed the reconciliation in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations".

**152. To note the bank balance as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - £82,039.18**

Noted

**153. Budget Statement for September 2018**

Noted

**154. Planning**

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> September were noted.

**155. Correspondence**

The clerk gave details of 2 items of correspondence:

- Rother Valley Farmers Group walk
- Weald Action Group – Fasttrack Fracking

**156. Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was noted, and it was agreed that an update should be sought from Southern Water regarding the sewage issue.

**157. Items for future meetings**

- Bus consultation
- Traffic Working Group update
- South Gardens access road
- Budget 2019/20

**158. Date of next meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.