

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Aims and Objectives Advisory Committee held at Jasmine Cottage, South Harting on Monday 9 September 2021 at 6.30pm

Present: Stephanie Gaterell (SG) (Chairman), Sally Bull (SB), Sunny Dawson (SD), John Miller (JM) and Andrew Shaxson (AS).

In attendance: Trish Walker (TW)

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 3. Minutes from Meeting held on 21 April 2021** were agreed and will be signed in due course.

4. PCEG (Parish Council Emergency Group) update

It was noted the PCEG had formally stood down when the covid-19 restrictions had ended. The Parish Gathering event, held on 14 August 2021, had signalled the transition from the PCEG set up to the less formal buddy system which will continue via the volunteers who are keen to maintain the feel of neighbourliness and community that was created.

The PCEG is ready to reconvene if there is a further need with the pandemic or with another emergency situation.

It was agreed the Parish Gathering had been a great success and was well attended by the community.

It is anticipated that the County Council will request feedback on the Emergency arrangements rolled out during the pandemic and this will be provided via the PCEG.

5. Review of Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan was reviewed, and it was considered that no amendments were necessary.

The following proposal was agreed:

The members agreed to report to the Council that the Emergency Plan has been reviewed and no amendments are recommended.

6. Review of Risk Assessments

The members reviewed the risk assessments for Finance, Homeworking, Reputation and Expertise and Safeguarding Information, Litter Picking, POSAC, Public Safety, Covid playgrounds and volunteers. After agreeing some minor wording amendments to the Public Safety and POSAC assessment it was agreed to recommend them to the Council.

The following proposal was agreed:

The members agreed to report to the Council that they had assessed the risk assessments for Finance, Homeworking, Reputation and Expertise and Safeguarding Information,

Litter Picking, POSAC, Public Safety, Covid playgrounds and volunteers and propose further review in May 2022.

7. Future projects

7.1. Monthly drop ins – the drop in's will recommence on the first Saturday in October. It is hoped they can be held at the White Hart pub.

Action: SB to contact White Hart

7.2. Parish assets – there is some concern that the pavilion is in need of substantial repair or refurbishment. WMPF (War Memorial Playing Field) are keen to look at options, and there may be a need for collaboration between the Parish Council and WMPF for this future project.

7.3. Survey of parishioners – to consider the option of carrying out a survey of parishioners to gauge future priorities and to gather feedback.

8. Any other business: There was some discussion whether the leaders of the local churches should be invited to speak at Parish Council meetings. It was felt this was not appropriate, but that they should be given the opportunity to participate, as organisations, in the Annual Parish Meeting.

9. Date of next meeting: Monday 8 November 2021 at 6.30pm at Chestnut Cottage, South Harting.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm