

Unconfirmed minutes, subject to approval/amendment at the next meeting of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee

South Mid Sussex County Local Committee

17 May 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm, Albourne Village Hall, The Street, Albourne, Hassocks.

Present: Mr Barrett-Miles (Burgess Hill Town), Mr Griffiths (Chairman), (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) and Mr Petch (Hassocks and Victoria).

In attendance: Rachel Allan (Democratic Services Officer), Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager) and Gulu Sibanda (Principal Community Officer).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Jones (Burgess Hill East).

Election of Chairman

1. Resolved – That Mr Griffiths is elected as Chairman of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Welcome

2. The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and explained the remit of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee and introduced the Committee and officers.

3. Representatives from Albourne Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee welcomed the Committee to Albourne Village Hall, and thanked members for the community initiative funding the Village Hall Committee had received at its previous meeting.

4. The Chairman presented a leaflet to the Committee and members of the public which set out the West Sussex joint commitment to over 84000 family and friends Carers 2015-20. He explained that if Carers were concerned about their caring roles and responsibilities, they should contact their GP or Carers Support West Sussex, details of which were in the leaflet.

Declarations of Interest

5. In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct the following interests were declared: -

- Mr Griffiths declared a personal interest as a carer to Minute No. 3, the West Sussex joint commitment to family and friends carers 2015-2020.

Minutes

6. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 March 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

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Urgent Matters

7. The Chairman advised that he had agreed to accept a late Community Initiative funding application from Hurst Traders Association. He confirmed that this would be dealt with under Agenda Item 7.

Progress Statement

8. Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager) introduced a statement of progress following the March 2016 Committee meeting.

9. He advised the Committee that he had continued to liaise with residents in relation to roadworks and congestion in Clayton and Hassocks to ensure that all repairs would be completed expediently.

10. In regards to traffic and speeding issues in Brighton Road, Hassocks, the Highways Area Manager explained that the speed indicator device had been placed on Brighton Road for the last week, and that data from it would be collated shortly.

11. The Highways Area Manager advised that work in Middle Way, Burgess Hill for a dropped kerb was scheduled for completion. He advised that he would advise the committee of a completion date.

12. In relation to speeding issues on Lodge Lane and New Road, the Highways Area Manager confirmed that the speed indicator device would be placed here to collect data.

13. The Highways Area Manager advised the Committee that he would be get further details in relation to the request for a traffic island on Jane Murray Way, Burgess Hill.

14. The Chairman explained that he would contact St Paul's College in order to progress their travel plan.

15. In relation to Chalkers Lane, the Highways Area Manager advised that he was awaiting a date for the works, and would report back at a future meeting of the Committee.

16. Members of the Committee requested that they receive an update on the Burnside Centre in Burgess Hill as they had received queries from a number of groups on this issue.

17. The Committee noted the progress statement.

Community Initiative Funding

18. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding.

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19. It was confirmed that the amount the Committee had to spend for 2016/17 was £25,615.52. This included the amount of £2170.52 that had been carried over from 2015/16.

20. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

21. Resolved –

(a) That the following applications are approved: -

971/SMS- Mid Sussex Older People's Council, £275.00, towards transport costs for residents travelling to the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Tea.

975/SMS- Hassocks Community Partnership, on behalf of Hassocks Hub, £2,500.00, To fund an initial pilot project for 12 weeks to help engage with young people in Hassocks (including research, materials, transport and other costs).

998/SMS- Hurst Traders Association, £500.00, towards the purchase of 1,000 community bags.

Talk With Us Community Forum

22. The Chairman invited questions and comments from members of the public:

- A member of the public asked a question in relation to the desecration of Pondtail Wood near Woodmancote, and what enforcement would be taking place. The Chairman explained that the South Downs National Park has responsibility for enforcement for this issue, and read a statement from the Park on this issue. Representatives advised that relevant Parish Councils and Mid Sussex District Council were working with the South Downs National Park Authority to ensure that the relevant stop notices and enforcement were being actioned.
- The Chairman advised that he would pass information to Parish Councils on the Sheep Watch initiative.

Authority School Governors

23. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

24. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -

(1) Appointments:

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- Mr M Littlewood to Birchwood Grove CP School for a term of four years.

Date of Next Meeting

25. The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be held at 7pm on Tuesday 6 September 2016 at Hurstpierpoint Village Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Chairman