

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

4 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

PRESENT, Mrs Clark, Mrs Holmwood, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Ms Kift, Mr Ridley (Chairman), Mr Robinson, Mrs Robinson, Mr Thomas and Mr Woolley.

The Clerk was in attendance.

37/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Coffey, Mr Hart, Mr Hough and Mr South.

38/15 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Mr Ridley disclosed a personal interest in respect of OHM Energy, who had serviced his boiler.

Mrs Holmwood disclosed a personal interest in respect of the Volunteer Centre, as a member of the Steering Group.

39/15 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2015, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

40/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

41/15 **COMMUNITY HUB**

The Clerk confirmed that the Wealden Citizens' Advice out-reach advice centre would transfer from the State Hall and into the meeting room on 6th November and Friday mornings from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon would be their regular slot. The next phase would be use by the new Heathfield Volunteer Centre on a Thursday afternoon, starting 3rd December.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that bookings in the meeting room as part of the Hub would be free until 1st April 2016.

42/15 **VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

Mrs Holmwood gave a report on the Volunteer Centre Steering Group, of which she was a member. They were looking into what grants were available and were seeking a Treasurer with some knowledge of charity accounts. A Parish Council representative on the Steering Group would be discussed at full Council on 10th November and it was asked if the Steering Group could be represented on the Hub Project Group meetings.

The Volunteer Centre was planning to be part of the Christmas Fun Day and it was asked if the Meeting Room would be available that evening, which would be investigated.

Apparently there was some confusion over use of the small upstairs room by Age Concern and the Clerk confirmed this was still available.

43/15 **PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS ON OFFICE ROOF**

The Clerk confirmed that planning permission would be required as the panels slightly exceeded the permitted dimensions.

The Committee considered that the costs of this would add to the length of “payback” period and, in view of the decreasing feed-in tariffs it was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with the project at this time.

44/15 **ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - PRINCE OF WALES PUBLIC HOUSE**

As reported at full Council, this had been approved by Wealden District Council. There was no update regarding the possible application for the Cross-in-Hand public house.

45/15 **BUDGET FOR CBD COMMITTEE 2016/17**

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend a budget of £3,000 for the Community Hub, including proposed community survey.

46/15 **MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

As there were potential budget implications, the Clerk reported on the Police initiative for Community Wardens, who would be employed by parish and town councils to address issues such as dog mess, litter and other problems on a local scale. The Committee did not consider that there was justification for inclusion in the budget at this time.

47/15 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 27 – TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none at this time.

48/15 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

(i) There were considered to be no effects arising from matters discussed at the meeting.

(ii) The Committee’s risk list, having been amended, was duly approved and adopted by the Committee.

49/15 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Council Offices at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 17 February 2016 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed:
Chairman
Dated: