

MEETING OF HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009, 7.30 PM
AT HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Mrs Archer, Mr Baker, Mrs Clark, Mr Harmer, Mrs Holmwood, Mr Hough, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mrs Muddle, Mr Newnham (Chairman), Mrs Oakes and Mrs Plant,

The Clerk was in attendance.

Also present: County Councillor Dowling
Sgt Hammerton
PCSO Whitaker
Reverend Jones

CCTV FOR HEATHFIELD

Sgt Hammerton stated that the Local Action Team (LAT) were investigating quotations for CCTV but costs were likely to be in the region of £25,000 for 2 – 3 cameras, excluding running costs. The cameras would be monitored from Heathfield Police Station as and when required or information downloaded when needed. There were significant anti-social behaviour problems in the Station Road/Station Approach area at present and CCTV could provide a deterrent. Unfortunately, there were no grant monies available from the Police.

Mobile Stryker cameras had been purchased by the Safer Wealden Partnership which had proved effective and consideration was being given to an updated system. Costs were in the region of £10,000 with £200 for installation at each location. LAT would continue their investigations, including possible leasing costs.

09/78 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

09/79 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Simmons, Angel, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mrs Newton.

Cllr Dowling reported that the A265/A267 junction improvements had been finished on time and appeared to be working well. An action group comprising residents of Back Lane and New Pond Hill had been formed (CHAT) regarding traffic volume and speeds and a meeting would take place with ESCC Highways Officers to discuss the issues. A Petition would be presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council to ESCC. The repairs to the pavements in Cross-In-Hand High Street would shortly be carried out.

The Meeting commenced at 7.43 p.m.

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09/80 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Chambers, Mr Davis, Mrs Gander, Mr Hart, Dr Rayner, Mr Waterhouse, Mr Wood and Mr Woodhouse.

09/81 **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/82 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009 having been previously circulated, be amended at 09/64 to read “Councillor Angel stated ...” and at 09/70 (final paragraph) to read “Mrs Holmwood would ...” be then approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/83 **MATTERS ARISING**

Illegal Parking Outside Banks and Library

It was noted that A boards were considered not to be appropriate at this location advising people not to park on the double yellow lines because of previous incidents where boards had been damaged or stolen. The Police had considered a warning sign but there was no suitable location for it.

09/84 **CCTV FOR HEATHFIELD**

Members noted the information provided by Sgt Hammerton and the matter would be discussed again once firm proposals were available.

09/85 **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Queen’s Garden Party with Mrs Oakes. Over the August Bank Holiday, he had welcomed rugby players from Forges-les-Eaux at the Heathfield and Waldron Rugby Club and had helped host visitors from Forges-les-Eaux for the very successful Le Marché and thanked all those involved for organising the event. He had also attended a celebration to mark 100 years of guiding.

The Vice-Chairman reported that she had attended Heathfield Carnival and praised all those taking part for their excellent effort.

The Chairman then reported that he had received a formal resignation letter from Mr Bassingthwaite which thanked Members and the Clerk and her staff for their help and support during his time as Chairman.

The Council’s Finance Officer, Mrs Trick, had retired at the end of August and the Chairman read out a letter of thanks for the Council’s gift of gardening tokens.

09/86 **CLERK'S REPORT**

A correspondence list as at 1 September had been circulated to Members.

09/87 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

09/88 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

09/88a **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

The next meeting will be held on 29 September 2009.

09/88b **Highways, Planning and Street Lighting Committee**

Minutes of the meetings held on 20 July, 3 and 17 August had been previously circulated and the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2009 (unadopted) were available at the meeting. Mr Newnham reported thereon.

A meeting of the Rural Transport Sub-Committee had taken place on 1 September 2009, the Minutes of which were to follow. Mr Kerby reported on matters discussed.

09/88c **Burial Grounds Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009 were to follow. Mr Newnham reported on matters discussed.

09/88d **Recreation Grounds and Properties Committee**

The next meeting will be held on 15 September 2009. Mrs Plant reported that ESCC had requested the Committee to reconsider the decision not to proceed with the proposed Children's Centre at Heathfield Community Centre. She advised that Standing Orders would not allow the matter to be reconsidered within 6 months of the original decision unless written notice was received from 5 members of the Council that they wished the matter to be reconsidered.

A meeting had taken place of the Waldron Recreation Ground Management Sub-Committee held on 12 August 2009 (Minutes to follow) and Mrs Plant reported on matters discussed.

Mrs Plant then thanked the Members of the Working Party who organised the float for the Carnival and those who took part on the day and expressed the hope that more Members would assist in 2010.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings reported above be approved and adopted by the Parish Council.

09/89 **ADOPTION OF LOCAL RED TELEPHONE KIOSKS**

A letter had been received from BT regarding possible adoption of the kiosks at Waldron and Little London Road, Heathfield. The cost initially would be £1 but the Parish Council would be responsible for future maintenance and repair.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the kiosk in Waldron should be adopted but that the one located in Little London Road should not.

09/90 **LIST OF PAYMENTS - 1 JULY TO 31 AUGUST 2009**

A list of payments for this period had been circulated to all Members and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments.

09/91 **APPOINTMENT AND REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk reported that this would be deferred for consideration at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 29 September 2009.

09/92 **CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17 – TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The possible installation of CCTV would have an effect under the above Act.

09/93 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There was a potential risk in relation to the delay in appointing a new Internal Auditor.

09/94 **TO CONSIDER MOTIONS**

None received.

09/95 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Signed

Chairman

Dated