



HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Children and Young People Committee held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Henfield Hall.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Adrian Willard (Chairman), Chris Simmonds and Fiona Ayres.

In attendance: Mrs R Grantham (Operations Manager- OM) and Ms G Campsey (Youth Coordinator- YC).

1. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

None

2. **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Leader, Potts & Goodyear.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING 13^h MAY 2024**

Approved, Signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

1. DBS Checks. Cllr Goodyear to complete.
2. Youth Forum. Ongoing. YC to look at Storrington and Horsham local magazines as Cllr Simmonds has seen an article about youth forums in those areas.
3. Repainting of street art wall. Cllrs agreed this can be removed from the agenda. YC updated no further contact with Youth Justice Team and for future painting, works officers can complete the whitewash works and the youth club can be approached too.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

6. **REPORT FROM YOUTH COORDINATOR**

YC circulated report to Cllrs prior to the meeting, with agenda. Discussion about the Grand Fair, attendance and future events. Update given on Scoot Jam, Cllr Simmonds suggested holding 2 events a year, a Scoot Jam and a Skate Jam. Cllr Ayres suggested October half term, YC commented on weather and the effect it has on the skate park. Due to October being in autumn, there is a higher chance of rain, and this could potentially make the skate park unusable. YC suggested keeping the events to spring/summer months to reduce the risk of cancellation.

7. **PROJECTS**

1. Improvements to Skate Park.
 - a) Funding update. Funding provisions in place.
 - b) Design options. Once date set for working group meeting, this will be discussed then.
 - c) Planning Application. Not able to progress until design is agreed.

- d) Working group. YC reported a few people have made contact and are interested in taking part. Cllr Leader to organise date for this. OM stated a working group would require at least 2 councillors to attend. Cllr Ayres agreed to attend.
2. Hub on the High Street. Ongoing. Discussion around potential properties ongoing.
 3. Improvements to Play Areas.
 - a) Update on Kingsfield. YC had site visit with Proludic. Looking to install roundabout Aug/Sept. YC has requested Sept to reduce the impact on public using the play area.
 - b) Rothery Play area. Cllr Simmonds updated repairs to the bridge have been completed and due to be reinstated. Cllrs thanked Cllr Simmonds for completing the repair work.
 - c) Signage. This is being raised at a working group addressing the signage for the whole village. This will ensure uniformity throughout the village.

YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY FOR YOUTH

8.
 - a) Ideas for projects. Ongoing. YC due to meet with member of Sustainable Henfield to address potential projects/events.
 - b) Identify groups to include. Cllr Ayres suggested involving St Peters primary school and have leaflets produced for handing out.
 - c) Identify locations. Ongoing.

ROSPA REPORT

9.
 1. 2023 progress. Purchase of replacement swing seat for Wantley play area raised. YC circulated buying options prior to meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Simmonds, SECONDED by Cllr Ayres and VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR to purchase replacement swing seat from Sutcliffes at cost of £223.00.

2. 2024 new report. YC circulated copy of report to all Cllrs with agenda. Also advised the report is with the works officers and a list will be compiled with work/repairs to be completed. Cllr Willard confirmed he had read the report ahead of the meeting and although there are quite a few repairs required, none are urgent or pose any safety concerns. Raised the question about repairs at the skate park, whether other play areas be prioritised due to impending improvements to the skate park.

LITTER ISSUES AT SKATE PARK

10.

Bins. YC suggested a trial of an extra bin at the skate park to combat the litter issue there. Cllrs suggested the purchase of bin without a trial. PROPOSED by Cllr Simmonds, SECONDED by Cllr Ayres and VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR to purchase a new bin up to the value of £300.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER GROUPS

11.

Survey of organisations. Ongoing. Cllr Ayres suggested visiting Henfield tennis club, YC noted and will arrange.

GAZEBO AND FLAGS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Consider purchase. Discussion regarding the purchase of a gazebo for events. Suggested maybe it be purchased by the parish council for all committees to use. OM suggested it be raised at next FRC meeting for funding from general budget. Purchase of flags agreed in principle but to be addressed at future meeting to allow time for the signage working group to agree on fonts, design etc.

YOUTH CLUB PROJECT

13. Consider application. Cllrs happy with the proposed project and agreed it suitable to be considered for IDP Henfield.

CLERK'S REPORT

14.
 1. Financial update. The committee is 16.7% through the budget year and has spent 3.6% so far.
 2. Any further updates. None

ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ayres raised to subject of nighttime ASB (anti- social behaviour) in and around the bus shelter and library car park. She has seen suspicious activity, potentially drug dealing and witnessed the exchange in the bus stop between a male and a female with a pram. YC advised Cllr Ayres to report this to police, enabling them to gather intelligence and possibly target the area. Also safeguarding needs to be addressed due to the presence of a child whilst the exchange takes place. The police can investigate this and refer to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Discussed there is CCTV in the area, flag this to local PCSO. Cllr Ayres said she knew of residents suffering from ASB from young people hanging around the grassed area of the library car park. YC explained this has been an ongoing issue for years. PCSO is aware of this and for this to be targeted by police, it would need individuals to report the incidents. YC also advised about the possibility of Police being able to apply for orders such as a public space protection Order (PSPO) but again, it is dependent on reports received and investigated.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th September 2024 at 6.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm