

Henfield Parish Council
Meeting of the Children and Young People Committee

held on

Monday 11th September 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Henfield hall

Present: Cllrs N Farrell, S Leader, C Simmonds, J Potts and A Davey.

In attendance: Two members of the public.

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Goodyear and R Grantham.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING 29TH JUNE'23

Approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

1. DBS Checks

In progress.

2. Noticeboard

Cllr Simmonds will have this ready before the next meeting.

3. Basketball Back boards

These have been installed by the works officer.

4. Horsham District Council response to closure of Sussex Clubs for Young People

Dan Fairchild from Horsham District Office has been in touch with Cllr Farrell and a meeting will be organised at the Youth Club once the new Youth Co-Ordinator has started. Possibly in October.

5. Roller Skating at the Henfield Hall

More research is needed on the insurance. The coordinator to follow-up.

6. Ice Skating

More research needed of impact on surface, space required, making good, how costs/profits are covered/shared. To be undertaken by the coordinator. Once the committee has consulted again a clearer request will be shared with the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee, if it looks feasible. It was noted that the Youth Club are running an ice skating trip to Brighton In December and the Parish Council have offered to provide transport.

7. Street Art Wall

The works officers were quick to make good some inappropriate early 'art' before it had been formally launched. The Youth Club held a very successful event to open the use of the

wall and it was much appreciated by the young people and has subsequently been used more appropriately.

8. Skate Jam

This was postponed from the summer due to a poor weather forecast. The event was held on Sunday 3rd September. The event went well with a good turnout of around 30 young people and children, the majority aged around 11-14 years old. Prizes for stunts and participation were awarded. New tricks were demonstrated and learned. The event was run in collaboration with the Youth Club and there was good parental support. Tic Tac Skate School ran the event successfully, there was positive feedback and a request for a repeat event. There has also been a request for a similar event for the scooter riders before too long. Cllr Davey to follow up.

9. Outdoor Water refill station

It was all agreed to support the project to install an outdoor water bottle refill station to be located at the bus shelter. This had originally been requested by young people at Steyning Grammar School, but the Village Amenities Committee have agreed to the costs being incurred from their budget as it will be a facility for all in the village centre. It was also suggested to consider an additional station near the skate park, potentially at the Youth Club.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

The members of the public declined to speak in the Open Forum.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

5. **CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM HENFIELD YOUTH**

It was all agreed to support the request from the Youth Club for the recruitment of a part time youth worker and maintenance work, the cost to be taken from the Children and Young People Premises Lease budget. The overall request was referred to the Finance Committee for a final decision.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

7. **REVIEW ITEMS ON THE IDP**

Cllr Farrell to discuss the Youth Club project at a later date.

8. **RECRUITMENT OF A YOUTH COORDINATOR**

Candidates were interviewed, one has been offered the post and confirmed acceptance. A start date has not yet been agreed.

9. **CONSIDER ACTIONS FOLLOWING ROSPA REPORTS ON PLAY AREAS**

The works officers are able to undertake all the repairs suggested. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Farrell, **SECONDED** by Cllr Simmonds and **VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR** to purchase two new cradle swing seats at a cost of £414.40.

10. GREEN FLAG-STANDARDS FOR PLAYGROUNDS

It was agreed that this was a good standard to achieve and useful as a road map. It was agreed that the committee would do a site survey around the playgrounds once the Youth Coordinator is in post. Date to be confirmed.

11. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL TO RELOCATE BIKE TRACK

It was felt that the proposed new location for the pump track could present some safety concerns due to the proximity of what appears to be open water on the plan. It was suggested that it could potentially swap places with the orchard area, site 14. It was thought it would be even better if it could be located closer to the current skate park and Youth Club. There were also some safety concerns for children trying to cross the road to access the pump track from the Wantley estate and it was suggested that there ought to be for example a pelican crossing sited near to the new access road. It was agreed that Cllr Potts would ask Horsham District Council (HDC) what the planning criteria are.

12. CONSIDER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGY

The circulated strategy document was reviewed and agreed.

Suggestions were made to connect with businesses in the village which could offer internships, apprenticeships and summer jobs. This was possibly a role for the Henfield Community Partnership. It was agreed that the Youth Coordinator's role would be to map out what the current options were for youth and establish forums to discover what their ideas were and make recommendations to the committee.

13. PROJECTS

1. Improvements to Skate Park

a) Consider budgets and funding proposal for skate park improvements.

Cllr Potts reported that as it is more than five years since Barratts (the developer) finished the development a new form has to be filled in for Horsham to release the S106 funds. The way forwards will be discussed by Cllr Morgan and Parish Office team and Cllr Potts will consult with HDC. Cllr Eastwood had made a proposal for alternative funding for the project. A paper was subsequently circulated with the details, but not all councillors had had a chance to review this. It was agreed that the paper would be circulated and considered further at the next meeting, by which point it is hoped that the position with HDC will be clearer.

b) Consider design options.

It was noted that most firms approached for design options were charging a fee. It was agreed initially to contact Tic Tac Skate School for design options as they had consulted with the current skate park users on this during the Skate Jam. Further quotations can then be sought once the funding situation is looking more certain.

c) Consider date for consultation on final design.

It was agreed that half term would be a good time to hold a consultation with users at the skate park.

d) Agree suppliers for quotes.

See b) above.

2. Hub on the High Street

There are currently no suitable premises to rent on the high street, but it was suggested that each café outlet could do a youth promotion with 'specials' on different days. The new Youth Coordinator will be tasked with making these connections.

3. Hub at the Club

The Friday night option to use the club has had lower attendance over the summer. It was suggested the Youth Coordinator will look into this further.

14. FEEDBACK FROM OTHER GROUPS

1. Survey of Organisations

This will be done by the Youth Coordinator.

2. Playing Fields Working Group

Cllr Davey attended the playing fields visit on behalf of this committee. The report from HDC is yet to be received.

3. Visit to Steyning Grammar School and St Peters Primary School

Minutes of both meetings were circulated.

St. Peter's School children had requested a high street venue and improvements to the skate park. The Youth Coordinator will be asked to follow up with regular communication with the school for feedback and to hear their ideas and requests. St Peter's School had reported that the parking buddies trial had gone well although WSCC had taken them away again. The school would like to have ten of them if possible. It was agreed that the Parish Office will follow up on the results of the trial data and to ask whether the scheme will be made permanent. It was agreed that if WSCC refuse to provide the parking buddies at no cost, then this committee could consider purchasing them. There is also the possibility of using S106 transport funds.

15. EVENTS

1. Job Fair

This is in Horsham on 30th September. A bus had been booked for this.

16. CLERKS REPORT

1. Financial Update

No report was provided.

2. Any further update.

None.

17. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

None.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 30th October at 5.30pm.

Meeting Closed 7.45pm.