

HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday, 30th January 2007 at 6 p.m. at The Union Church, Heathfield.

<u>Present:</u>	Colin Williams	-	Farmers' Market
	Doug Brunger	-	Churches Together/Ramblers
	Teresa Blaxland	-	Trustee
	Sue Roach	-	IT/Website
	Peter Newnham	-	Heathfield/Waldron P.C.
	John Tolley	-	Trustee
	Sue Hanley	-	Old H/field & Cade St: Amen: Soc:
	Joanne Aldous	-	Partnership Coordinator

1 Apologies:

1. Were received from Niki Oakes, Rosemary Mays-Smith, Rupert Simmonds, Tim Hough and Angie Muddle

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

1. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising: *(to save duplication, please consult the previous minutes if clarification is needed)*

1. 6.3. The Bed & Breakfasts are now on the website.
2. 13.5. **REACTION** Rupert S will ask Alan Powell if he could suggest someone from HCC (to attend partnership meetings)

4. Sport & Leisure

(a) Swimming Pool (Report from Rosemary M-S read out by Joanne A)

1. The Feasibility Study has now been distributed to all on the committee. It is hoped to adopt it at the next meeting which is on the 19th February. We are already moving forward on a business plan which Freedom Leisure is putting together and will be reviewed by RQA. There is a meeting arranged between the Parish, District and County Councillors to discuss the pool.
2. Sue Hanley informed the committee that the Old Heathfield & Cade Street Society were unhappy about the Feasibility Study and will respond formally by letter setting out their views. The following objections are likely to be raised:-
 - (a) It was felt the F.S. was based on a petition and no independent research was carried out.
 - (b) There would be ramifications on parking and transport.

- (c) It was a large project without the backing of the Town
 - (d) Increased traffic for residents.
3. There followed a general discussion about all issues relating to the swimming pool.

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(b) NCR21 North route

- 4. Rosemary, Ken Brewster, Jon Wheeler and Chris Tree (ESCC) have had a meeting to discuss cycle routes to the school and have suggested that Ken's ideas are adopted in the local transport plan (using part of park wall), County were very receptive.
- 5. The report was due back to the committee in January but had been delayed until March 2007. It was agreed that a letter expressing the Partnership's concern be sent to County after first liaising with Rosemary M-S...**ACTION**

5. Financial Report:

- 1. This was not available at the time of the meeting.

6. IT/Website:

(a) Website

- 1. The website is going well. Rupert S and John T are working on an initiative with the Police. Teresa is keen to link the Pips with the Police.
- 2. There was a meeting with the Police and residents concerning minor vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Ben Blackman will attend and brief the next partnership meeting. Sue Roach asked that details of the schedule of the group meetings be emailed to her for the website.....**ACTION**.
- 3. It was felt the meeting was not very well publicised especially as the residents can not get any response to Police calls. There is an initiative for the website to include the Youth, working with Alan Powell. Rupert S has a small amount of funding for a café area in the Youth Centre set around the PiP.

(b) PiPs

- 1. The final report has been sent to the WARR Partnership, signed off and accepted. There is one issue outstanding concerning £1000 which Teresa B is seeking clarification. Ann Crone will email Teresa when the £1000 is received. Teresa has not seen the final document yet and is waiting for a copy.
- 2. Colin W has arranged for sandwich boards advertising PiPs to be distributed on Thursday.

7. Farmers' Market:

1. The market continues to prosper with 28 stalls booked for February and possibly more.
2. There is a turnover in Stall Holders, some like Divine Cakes & Puds have found that there are easier ways to make money than Markets, others do not prosper due to lack of salesmanship and give up. Fortunately there are always people who want to attend the Market. Colin W keeps in touch with other

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- Markets in the area and can always find a replacement if someone drops out.
3. Planning is already in place regarding the Heathfield Show on 26th May, applications forms have been sent out along with Le Marche forms. It is hoped to have a larger and improved Market at the Show this year as the site of the Market has been moved and it will hopefully be more accessible. It now gives access from the paved road and is among more retail stalls.
 4. At a recent Market committee meeting it was decided that £1000 should be passed from the Market funds to the Partnership. Teresa B, on behalf of the Partnership, expressed her thanks.

8. Inward Investment:

1. The signs are now in place and look good. Inward Investment have a meeting scheduled for Thursday.

9. High Street:

1. Joanne A read out Rosemary's report as follows:-
2. The committee are working with McCarthy & Stone for Phase 5 (Cherwell Rd to McCarthy & Stone entrance) and it is hoped there will be an outcome. The £10000 from M & S is being used together with the £12000 from WDC, any shortfall being made up by M & S.
3. Phases 6 & 7 (6 Library side parade, 7 M & S to William Hill Interiors) are now being worked on together. £10000 has come from ESCC Transport and £12000 from WDC. As the WDC money has to be spent before the end of March 2007, ESCC are buying forward material and storing it at their depot until the rest of the money is found.
4. Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council have kindly taken over the maintenance of the street furniture. The Partnership had submitted a bid to the Parish Council of £1000 for this for 2007/08.
5. Mark Deacon of Balcombes, has joined the committee and attended the last two meetings. He is working hard on obtaining flower baskets and poles for Hailsham Road (A bid to WDC for £2200 is in the 2007/08 grant)

10. Transport:

1. Due to personal problems the Consultant has not completed the report. It should be available at the next Partnership Meeting.
2. The Parish Council has agreed to fund a leaflet to all householders detailing the available transport at the moment. The information is also on the Heathfield.net and ESCC website.
3. The Parish Council have been very supportive and have now given a budget to the Rural Transport committee.

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11. Seminars:

1. Joanne A will be attending an meeting on 8th February called 'East Sussex Enterprise Partnership' and includes a tour of Newhaven.

12. Public Relations & Marketing:

1. There was a great deal of publicity for the Fun Day.

13. Any other business:

1. There is a draft Membership form on the website to encourage people to attend as a member of the Partnership if they represent a group who would benefit having a representative on the committee.

14. Date of the next meeting:

1. Dates for the meetings for the next year are as follows:

All Tuesday, all starting at 6p.m.

6th March	to 7.00p.m.
15th May	to 7.15p.m.
3rd July	to 7.15p.m.
25th September	to 7.00p.m.
20th November	to 7.15p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15p.m.

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 1. Swimming Pool
 2. NCR21 North route
- 5. Financial Report**
- 6. IT/Website**
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 2. PiPs
- 7. Farmers' Market**
- 8. Inward Investment**
- 9. High Street**
 1. Phase 6 & 7
- 10. Transport**
 1. Community bus and Consultants Report
- 11. Seminars**
- 12. Public Relations & Marketing**
- 13. Any other business**
- 14. Dates of the next meeting**

