

# THE HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP TRUST LTD

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## HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 6.00p.m. at The King's Church.**

**Present:**

Cllr. Rupert Simmons	-	Chairman and Trustee
Rosemary Mays-Smith	-	Trustee
John Tolley	-	Trustee
Beata Drury	-	Heathfield Youth Centre/Senior Officer
Doug Brunger	-	Churches Together
Cllr. Peter Newnham	-	Chair of H' field/Waldron PC
Joanne Aldous	-	Town Coordinator
Sheran Thorpe	-	Clerk

**Guest:** Kathy Price - Local Partnership for Children

### **1. Apologies:**

1. Were received from Cllr. Niki Oakes, Colin Williams, Cllr. Angie Muddle, Ruth Waller, Sue Roach and Trevor Goldsmith.

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### **2. Minutes of the last meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009:**

1. The minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

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

- 3.2. The information is in the Chamber of Commerce section and mentioned on the front page.
- 3.3. ICT have approached AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex) who would like to work with the committee and help promote the website, Heathfield First and possibly create a fourth information board for the Town.
- 6.6. This has already been reported by the Library Staff and is ongoing with ESCC.
- 6.7. Joanne has passed on her email address to the relevant person.
- 6.8. This was raised at a recent LAT meeting and Wealden Police Division are trying to come up with a new crime report system.
- 9.4. This was discussed at the last High Street meeting.

### **4. Sport & Leisure:**

#### **Swimming Pool**

1. So far £12500 has been raised for the estimated £30000 costs of submitting planning application including drawings, designs and feasibility studies. Rosemary is hopeful that by the March Partnership meeting the application will have been submitted.

2. Rosemary has been lobbying various Parish Councils and has received £500 from Burwash, spoke at Mayfield and is due to speak at Warbleton, Horam and Framfield Parish Councils.
3. The Coop have kindly agreed that their single Charity for the 2010 will be the Swimming Pool and fund raising will involve at least nine events.
4. **Rosemary has linked up with the Amateur Swimming Association who are carrying out a survey of Heathfield and would also like to get Rotary involved, Rupert offered to raise the matter at the next Board meeting.....ACTION**
5. **It was agreed that Disabled Associations need to be contacted and the Swimming Pool specification needs to be checked to see if it is disabled friendly. Joanne was asked to look at the contract details.....ACTION**

#### **4. Sport & Leisure (cont'd):**

##### **NCR21**

4. This is still in the hands of Matthew Lock of ESCC who is responsible for NCR21.

#### **5. Financial Report:**

1. The balance as at 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 stands at £54,407.94.
2. **£1000 will be paid to the Transport committee after the PC's finance meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December. When to hand, Rupert will send a letter of thanks.....ACTION**
3. £15000 has been received from ESCC, £10000 towards the Youth Express project and £5000 to community transport project.
4. Rupert has written to Cllr Peter Newnham thanking the PC for £200 towards the radio campaign.
5. The PC Finance and General Purposes Committee are meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> December and Rosemary, John and Joanne will make representation for funding of the Service Level Agreement for the next three years. A decision will not be known until February 2010.
6. Planning permission has been granted for McCarthy & Stone's development up Mutton Hall Hill and Rosemary was very concerned and dismayed to learn that WDC had not properly addressed the planning gain issues inside the town i.e. 106 agreement. It is imperative that proper representation for such planning gains are made with future applications.
7. **Although Stuart Watt raised the question, no money will go towards the Swimming Pool. Just contributions to transport, affordable housing and highways. A figure was quoted to go towards another pelican crossing and Rupert and Rosemary will check this out with Stuart...ACTION**
8. **Peter also made the point that a figure earmarked for transportation did not disappear into the new development. Rupert and Joanne will look into this.....ACTION**

#### **6. IT Report/Website:**

1. **A programme of improving the presentation of the Pips is underway. Rupert and Joanne received a representation from a member of the public suggesting that there should be an easier guide to accessing the Pips. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.....ACTION**
2. Work will soon start on the youth website, Nick Potter having had discussions with the Youth Council about crucial issues for it's development. Nick also proposed that a member of staff should be 'au fait' with the programming.

#### **7 Farmers' Market:**

1. Colin read out his report as follows:-

*The last Market went well, we had 28 stalls on the day. We have 30 stalls booked for December. Planning for the Christmas Market is coming along, we have Father Christmas booked (Graham Porter) and have*

*permission to use all the car parks and I have asked Kings Church if they would like to sing Carols. We really need to have some refreshments, hot rolls etc.  
I have been contacted by Cathy Fordham who is the Rural Development Officer in Economic Development at Wealden and has taken over from Tim Ison, she is hoping to get representatives from all the fifteen Wealden Markets together in the New Year.*

**2. Rosemary will let Rupert know the name of the new Manager at the Coop.....ACTION**

**8. Inward Investment:**

1. It is hoped to find funding for a fourth Information Board.
2. Rupert, John and Joanne will be investigating ways of how to improve accessibility to Heathfield.net.
3. Development of the Educational site to improve information of all local schools, is ongoing. Rupert has approached all Headteachers for text.
4. The Christmas Festival is on 28<sup>th</sup> November with the official turn on of the Christmas lights. This usually draws many people which in turn helps promote businesses.
5. **Rosemary suggested contacting Pearson, the publisher, who have a charitable section. Joanne will research and report back to Rosemary.....ACTION**
6. Development of the land next to the Police Station was discussed at a recent committee meeting. John reported that Parker Dann, who represents the owners, has been in touch and once there is more information to hand, John will report back. It is at this early stage that it is imperative that a 106 Agreement is discussed with the owners, WDC, PC, ESCC and Partnership.
7. The new Stakeboard's official opening will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30a.m. Invitations have gone out to all Councillors and a huge debt of thanks is owed to the Parish Council, Beata Drury, the Youth Council and ESCC.

**9. High Street:**

1. Several meetings have taken place to try and get detailed discussions with the Engineers regarding the tarmacing. It is not known yet whether the tarmacing will be completed in phases or the whole of the High Street in one project.
2. **Peter reported that a sign has been financed and made for the western entrance to the town. As yet there has been no reply to his request for a final decision as to where it will be placed. Rupert offered to talk to Stuart Watt.....ACTION**

**10. Transport:**

1. It is hoped that at the next committee meeting, work will start on a new venture to put in place a element of subsidies for community groups as part of the transport programme.
2. Due to start in January 2010, and enabled by the Youth Express scheme, there will be the opportunity for year 6 Primary School children to have the experience of fun activities at the Community College.
3. The Youth Express has been featured on an ESCC promotional DVD which will be out by Christmas.

**11. LAT:**

1. The major issue now is the CCTV and a meeting has been set up on the 26<sup>th</sup> November to meet the potential supplier of the system.
2. The PC have approved funding in principal but there is still a shortfall and a bid needs to be

made to the Saver Wealden Partnership.

3. The Police Station opening hours are still under review, with possible opening on Wednesdays.
4. There were a few problems at the Youth Centre which have now been sorted out.
5. Cold calling letters have now been sent out. Louise Baxter of Trading Standards is producing the signage and will decide on the locations. The launch will take place in January 2010 at the Community Centre at which the Police will be represented and will answer any queries.

#### **11. LAT (cont'd):**

##### **Street Pastors**

6. The Street Pastors are becoming well known in a wider area of Heathfield and if specific problems are brought to their notice, they are willing to adjust their route.
7. In January 2010 the Street Pastors will be going to the Community College to give a presentation of their work.

#### **12. Seminars**

1. On 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Heathfield Community Centre at 2.00p.m., a presentation will be made by the first networking event of the Voluntary Action Wealden (formerly the Wealden Support Partnership) .

#### **13. Public Relations & Marketing**

1. There is the usual news update in Heathfield First.

#### **14. Any other business**

1. Kathy Price, representing Local Partnerships for Children (Local networks improving the lives of children and young people), recently attended a Transport meeting and was invited to attend the Partnership meeting. Kathy will liaise with Rupert and Joanne.
2. Rosemary spoke about 'Tomorrow's People', whose primary objectives are to help unemployed adults from 16 to 24 years, and to try and arrange a meeting with people who would be interested in the Charity especially as there could be the possibility of introducing a pilot scheme in the Heathfield area.
3. **Doug informed the committee that the new senior Vicar of the area, David Guest, would like to become involved in the community especially in helping young people. Rupert will invite him to the next Partnership meeting.....ACTION**
4. With Peter Newnham's assent and Rupert's approval, another Parish Councillor will be approached to join the ICT committee. It was agreed that every project should have an elected Parish Councillor on it's committee.
5. Peter was invited by the Welcome Church to meet the new Youth Pastor who Beata has already met and explained about the Youth Express. It is important everyone works together for the Community.

#### **13. Dates of the next meeting**

1. The dates of the next meetings will take place at The King's Church at 6.00p.m. and are on Tuesdays:-

19<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35m.

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- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Sport & Leisure**
  1. Swimming Pool
  2. NCR21 North route
- 5. Financial Report**
- 6. IT Report/Website**
  1. Website
  2. PiPs

- 7. Farmers' Market**
- 8. Inward Investment**
- 9. High Street**
  1. Final Phases
- 10. Transport**
- 11. LAT (Police Local Area Committee)**
  1. Street Pastors
- 12. Seminars**
- 13. Public Relations & Marketing**
- 14. Any other business**
- 15. Date/time of the next meeting**

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