

HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday, 25th November 2008 at 6.00p.m. at The King's Church.

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| <u>Present:</u> | Teresa Blaxland- | Chairman and Trustee |
| | Colin Williams | - Trustee/Farmers' Market (D/Chairman) |
| | Rosemary Mays-Smith | - Trustee |
| | Doug Brunger | - Churches Together |
| | Peter Newnham - | Heathfield/Waldron P.C Councillor |
| | Niki Oakes | - Wealden District Councillor |
| | Sue Roach | - IT/Website |
| | Joanne Aldous | - Town Coordinator |
| | Sheran Thorpe | - Clerk |

1. Apologies:

1. Were received from John Tolley, Ruth Waller, Beata Drury, Rupert Simmons and Angie Muddle. Sue Roach apologised for not sending in her apologies for the meeting on the 16th September.

2. Minutes of the last meeting dated 16th September 2008

1. These 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)*

1. **3.1. The Manager of The Crown has now confirmed that they would like the Pip and Teresa will see the Manager and get a firm decision in writing.....ACTION**
2. 3.2. The date for the litter clean-up will be sometime in the Spring.
3. 5.1. Payment of the SLA for 2008/09 has been received and a formal letter of thanks has been sent to Ray Bassingthwaighte.
4. **6.2. Teresa B to talk to Nick Potter about the green livery. Dull green is not vibrant enough.....REACTION**
5. 6.4. This has been covered in 3.1.
6. **6.6. There was a cost to providing WIFI to the Kiosks. It was thought a good idea that the Co-op and the Youth Centre kiosks have this facility. Beata Drury said she would purchase it for the Youth Centre.....REACTION**
7. **6.9. History section to be worked on. Joanne A to contact local historical club (Colin W to supply contact details), as well as local historians.....REACTION**
8. 8.1. Rupert S and Joanne A are currently working on a second round of application forms for the High Street.
9. 14.1. This has been actioned.
10. 15.5. This has been actioned.

4. Sport & Leisure:

1. **Swimming Pool** At a recent meeting HCC agreed to put in planning permission for the swimming pool to ESCC. The original cost of £12500 for planning and the necessary work has now been raised to £50000 for full planning consent which is the preferred project. It is

important that the questions of who will own the pool and lease the land and who is going to run the pool be addressed now and a meeting has been arranged in January 2009.

2. **NCR21** There is nothing new to report.

5. Financial Report:

1. The balance as at 24th November 2008 stands at £52631.06.
2. The figure of £10000 for Transport has not been received from ESCC. Joanne A will contact Rupert S and asked how best to approach the problem. Hiring of the Minibuses will be paid from the £10000 and £750 from PC will cover administration costs.

6. IT Report/Website:

1. The new **website** is now up and running although there have been some editorial problems and it is still difficult to update. This will be discussed at the next meeting on the 18th December. The Youth Centre website is now live and very successful.

7 Farmers' Market:

1. Colin W read out his report as follows:-

The Market continues to run successfully, although as with all the local Markets footfall and therefore takings have been down, the average number of stalls has been 25.

Financially the Market is sound.

Last May I said that I did not want to run the Market at the Show, in the mean time we have had various messages from the Show Committee quibbling about the money we made from the Show (£113 in fact) and the Stallholders selling products which competed with the food concessions. David and I suggested that the Show Society should run the Market and that we would supply them with our list of Traders, they have agreed to this.

The Christmas Market is on the 20th of December and will be held in the High Street Surgery car park, we are trying to make it a bit more special. In addition to all the usual stalls we have The Fallen Angel Brewery and Hidden Springs Vineyard. Father Christmas will be there and there will be a stall selling Bacon Butties and Tea. The only problem I have is I need a small PA system that I can play Christmas music and Carols over.

8. Inward Investment:

1. A meeting will be taking place on 5th December. The building housing Trading 4 U and Weald Business Systems has been sold and the new owner wishes to make radical changes, however so far the Parish Council have not received a planning application.
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9. High Street

1. Joanne A and Rupert S are working on a bid and if successful the High Street could be finished. There are still worries about the proximity of Station Road junction to the possible newly positioned crossing and mini-roundabout. Trevor G has met with traders and sent out copies of the proposed plans which are also posted on the information boards, at the Parish Council offices and library.

10. Transport

1. The Youth Express is proving very successful and in January 2009 the project is being opened up to other community groups in the area. Joanne A was congratulated on all her hard work. However the committee was upset that the £10000 budget had not been received from ESCC for the October start and felt this should have been checked.

11. LAT

1. A new Sergeant is due to start at Heathfield Police Station and there are now five PCSO's in place. Both Uckfield and Heathfield have agreed that an alcohol ban would be too difficult to police. The floating camera should be back in Heathfield soon and quotes are being obtained for another CCTV.
2. **Street Pastors** More volunteers are being trained and the programme is very successful.

12. Seminars

1. Joanne A attended a Wealden Networking meeting organised by Eastbourne CVS and funding opportunities were discussed.

13. Public Relations & Marketing

1. A few articles have appeared in local publications mainly concerning Transport and the Youth Express. Sussex Live have contact Joanne A who suggested they contact the PC offices.

14. Any other business

1. On 5th February 2009 at 7.30p.m. the present High Sheriff of Sussex, Hugh Burnet, will be giving a talk at Heathfield Community Centre. Rosemary asked that committee members keep the day free and attend the meeting.

15. 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 all on Tuesdays:-

27th January 2009

10th March 2009
12th May 2009
21st July 2009
22nd September 2009
24th November 2009

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25p.m.

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AGENDA

- 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. Phases 5, 6 and 7
- 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