

HASSOCKS AMENITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND February 2015 AT 7.30 PM

	Margaret Ford (Chair)	Catherine Cassidy (Rail Group Chair)	
	Janet Slaughter (Deputy Chair)	Peter Gibbons	
	Bob Kenhard (Treasurer)	Georgia Cheshire	
	Fred Maillardet	Jean-Phillippe Horn (Head Boy, Downlands School)	
	Ken Potts (Observer)		
1	Apologies		
	The following committee members gave their apologies: Amanda di Clemente, Emma Hudson, Peter George, Paul Mercer, Judith Poncelet, Virginia Pullan, Jonathan Soper and Nada Guarguaglini.		
2	Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th November 2014		
	The Minutes were agreed.		
2a	Matters Arising		
	<p><i>The Green Group:</i> Georgia reported on current activities. She had ordered plug plants for the new raised bed and was accumulating a large number of donated plants, cuttings, etc . The new sign was ready to be put into position.</p> <p>Bob asked Georgia to look at the east bank of Spitalford Bridge, where the excavation for the new wall had revealed a mass of saplings and roots. Would clearing and ‘natural’ planting be possible?</p> <p>Georgia reported that she would be attending a meeting of the Parish Environment Committee at the end of the month.</p>		<p>FM</p> <p>GC</p>
3	Neighbourhood Plan		
	<p><i>Downlands Survey:</i> Janet and Georgia had completed the survey, and copies were circulated. It had been a very useful exercise and had shown a high level of commitment to Hassocks. The suggestions for improvement mentioned most often was an improved skate park, and there were already hopeful indications that the Parish Council would seriously consider this.</p> <p>It was agreed that the survey findings should be sent to the Neighbourhood Working Group.</p> <p><i>The Village Square:</i> Discussion centred on identifying a way forward, as at present, there was no indication that a village square would be included in the Plan.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should write to the Parish Council NWG urging its inclusion and pointing out that our feedback indicated that this was something that residents were keen to promote. At the same time, we would approach MSDC (Mark Bristow) and Gordon Marples (District Councillor) for their advice as how to proceed.</p> <p>It was noted that the consultation evenings organised by the NWG had been extremely successful and well attended by a wide age range of the community. The input by HAA members appeared to have been a significant factor.</p>		
	<p>RESOLUTIONS: School Survey results to be sent to NWG</p> <p>Letter to be sent to NWG regarding Village Square, inclusion in NP.</p> <p>Mid-Sussex (Mark Bristow) and also Gordon Marples to be contacted regarding Village Plan.</p>		<p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>FM</p>
4	Youth Slot		
	Jean-Phillippe reported on recent school activities, one of which was a successful fashion show. Discussion then focused on the cancellation of the ‘school train’ at 15:20 and the consequent unruly behaviour of some students when whiling away the 20 minute waiting time. Catherine explained that HAA had been in contact with the rail authorities since November when the proposed timetabling changes came to its notice. Progress had been painfully slow, but there was now some hope that a		

	compromise could be reached and the waiting time reduced. It might not happen, however, until May and in the meantime, safety was a real concern. Jean-Philippe agreed to transmit our anxiety to Mr Hill, the Assistant Headteacher.	JPH
5	Treasurer's report	
	The Report was accepted in full and is attached to these Minutes.	
6	Spitalford and Village Lottery	
	<p><i>Village Lottery:</i> current membership stands at 465 which should yield similar net distribution to last year for the three participant groups. Paul Mercer has constructed a new lottery database and transferred the data over. It is a vast improvement on the old one and we are very grateful!</p> <p>A request has been received from a Senior Section Guide for sponsorship of a 'LaSER' trip to Vietnam in Summer 2015 to undertake service projects in Children's Centres there. The Committee regrettably concluded that this was outside the Charitable Objectives of the Association. Treasurer to notify accordingly.</p> <p><i>Spitalford Bridge phase 2:</i> work started on the 5th January with the removal of the old wall. Working conditions have been very difficult for the builders, freezing rain and winds, slippery mud slope and raging stream on one side and very tight space on the other. Nevertheless, the main build of the new wall is nearing completion and we now wait delivery and fitting of the new railings, scheduled for the 6th February.</p> <p>The bus shelter and bench are being procured by HPC and Ian Weir is currently progressing this.</p>	BK
7	AGM	
	It was agreed to book the URC Hall for Monday 6 th July {However this was changed to Tuesday 14th July 2015 , shortly after the meeting} The theme should be either the village square or rail services.	NG
8	Rail Services	
	<p>Catherine reported on the non-stop involvement of the Rail Group, first in a consultation exercise regarding the proposed alterations in November 2015, and then, more acutely, with the actual changes that were introduced with little or no consultation in January. The chaos which ensued was believed to be unprecedented. Much of the ensuing Press publicity concentrated on the delays to mainline services. HAA, whilst fully backing these complaints, concentrated on the knock-on effects on local services which were making, for example, journeys from Brighton to Hassocks in the evening rush hour a complete nightmare. As a result, Catherine had met with our MP who raised these concerns with the Transport Minister as a matter of urgency, the Minister subsequently called a Summit Meeting with the main contractors and a plan of action to address concerns resulted.</p> <p>She had also been invited to represent passengers on the Thames Link Programme Stakeholder Reference Group and had attended its first meeting, which was notable for its 'full and frank discussion' of recent events. The problems experienced by Hassocks users had been well and truly aired. At the very least, the state of local services had been moved up the agenda.</p> <p><i>Hassocks station:</i> problems with the building continued. The lifts had flooded again. Catherine was in contact with the Station Manager regarding a review of the 'snagging list'.</p> <p><i>Contact with Commuters:</i> Nick Herbert was keen that we should try to approach commuters jointly with the Brighton Line Commuter Group. Catherine would ask them for their publicity so that we could devise a way of promoting both groups.</p>	CC

	It was agreed to consider a major leafleting session(s) in March.	
9	Developing HAA: corporate membership, publicity, HAA 'partners'.	
	It was agreed to defer this for further consideration by a small group, possibly in March. In the meantime, Fred will meet with John Rose (Age Concern) to take Village Co-ordination ideas forward.	FM
10	Date of next meeting.	
	Monday 20th April, 7.30 pm at the Committee Room Adastra Hall.	

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed

Chair – Margaret Ford

02 February 2015

HAA TREASURER'S REPORT 02-01-15

Cash as at 01/02/2015:

HSBC Savings account. £17,399.12, HSBC Current account: £246.89,
HSBC Lottery Account £597.33. Total : £18,243.34

Income, and Expenditure year to date are attached

Income current FY 2014/15

Estimated at £8,937 including lottery, Spitalford Grant and without further donations.

Total subscription income ytd stands at £1,991.50. This includes £110 paid in advance for next membership year. So annual member's income in 2014/15 is estimated at £1,881.50

Gift Aid circa £400 (to be claimed in March/April 2015)

Forecast Income 2015/16

Estimated at circa £3200 including the lottery but without grants and donations

Restricted & Discretionary Funds - Balances.

Cash 01-02-15	£18,243.34
<i>Restricted Funds</i>	
Lottery	£ 5,427.53
Rail Group	£ 2,172.46
Spitalford	£ 7,509.93
<i>sub total</i>	£ 15,109.92
BALANCE CASH	£3,133.42
FORECAST INCOME 15/16	£3,200.00
TOTAL	£6,333.42
<i>Budgeted funds</i>	
Beacon Ctr	£ 450.00
Tree Planting	£ 500.00
Raised beds balance	£ 62.00
Overheads and other costs	£ 3,500.00
<i>sub total</i>	£ 4,512.00
Forecast surplus	£1,821.42

INCOME

Date	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT	how paid	Subscriptions	Donations	Bridge Project	Rail Grp	Gift Aid	Lottery	deposit txfr
03/03/2014	MERCER SUBS C/F	£ -		£ 10.00						
03/03/2014	see SUBS IN tab	£ 986.50	SO	£ 986.50						
06/03/2014	DONATION - HARDING	£ 25.00	CHQ		£ 25.00					
	SUBTOTAL	£ 1,011.50								
10/03/2014	ROSA	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
10/03/2014	MOHAMMED	£ 5.00	SO	£ 5.00						
12/03/2014	MORFIELD	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
20/03/2014	see SUBS IN tab	£ 165.00		£ 165.00						
20/03/2014	PINNOCK JM	£ 4.00	SO	£ 4.00						
20/03/2014	BATCHELOR MM	£ 5.00	SO	£ 5.00						
24/03/2014	see SUBS IN tab	£ 135.00		£ 135.00						
27/03/2014	TALBOT	£ 15.00	SO	£ 15.00						
01/04/2014	see SUBS IN tab	£ 50.00	CHQ CASH	£ 50.00						
01/04/2014	see SUBS IN tab	£ 121.00	SO	£ 121.00						
	SUBTOTAL	£ 520.00								
07/04/2014	NICHOLAS V&RJ	£ 4.00	CHQ	£ 4.00						
15/04/2014	FREEMAN AE	£ 5.00	CHQ	£ 5.00						
22/04/2014	CUTLER J	£ 5.00	CHQ	£ 5.00						
28/04/2014	see SUBS IN tab	£ 90.00	SO	£ 90.00						
14/04/2014	RICHARDSON	£ 10.00	CHQ	£ 10.00						
28/04/2014	DOUGLAS T	£ 10.00	CHQ	£ 10.00						
	SUBTOTAL	£ 124.00								
07/05/2014	WILSDON	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
09/05/2014	TUCKER	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
16/05/2014	COOMBE MJ	£ 4.00	SO	£ 4.00						
19/05/2014	DUDLEY RUTH	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
21/05/2014	CAMPBELL LS	£ 5.00	SO	£ 5.00						
29/05/2014	MCPEAKE	£ 10.00	CHQ	£ 10.00						
02/06/2014	COOK NCS	£ 5.00	SO	£ 5.00						
02/06/2014	PENNY S	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
	SUBTOTAL	£ 64.00								
18/06/2014	HATTON S	£ 5.00	SO	£ 5.00						
24/06/2014	DONATION SUE MILNTHORP	£ 50.00			£ 50.00					
30/06/2014	LOTTERY	£ 1,503.67	CHQ		£ 1,000.00					
30/06/2014	REFUND LOTTERY COSTS								£ 503.67	
01/07/014	BROWN	£ 20.00	SO	£ 20.00						
01/07/2014	PATTERSON	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
	SUBTOTAL	£ 1,588.67								
14/07/2014	BUTLER	£ 10.00	SO	£ 10.00						
01/08/2014	BERGGREEN	£ 5.00	SO	£ 5.00						
01/08/2014	GEOFFREY ALEXANDER	£ 4.00	SO	£ 4.00						
	SUBTOTAL	£ 19.00								
11/08/2014	CASTLETON	£ 4.00	SO	£ 4.00						
01/09/2014	GARDNER & WALSH	£ 4.00	SO	£ 4.00						
	SUBTOTAL	£ 8.00								
01/10/2014	GADSDON F	£ 5.00		£ 5.00						
		£ -								
06/10/2014	TRANSFER FM DEPOSIT	£ 500.00								£ 500.00
		£ 505.00								
10/10/2014	WSCC	£ 5,000.00				£ 5,000.00				
16/10/2014	TRANSFER FM DEPOSIT	£ 200.00								£ 200.00
28/10/2014	TRANSFER FM DEPOSIT	£ 500.00								£ 500.00
		£ 5,700.00								
18/11/2014	DONATION MR A HUTCHINSON	£ 250.00				£ 250.00				
28/11/2014	TRANSFER FM DEPOSIT	£ 500.00								£ 500.00
01/12/2014	LUH MEMBERS	£ 62.00		£ 62.00						
01/12/2014	MOODY STUART	£ 100.00		£ 100.00						
01/12/2014	FELICITY TANOUS	£ 5.00		£ 5.00						
		£ 917.00								
05/12/2014	NUNN	£ 10.00	CHQ	£ 10.00						
05/12/2014	CARTER	£ 10.00	CASH	£ 10.00						
10/12/2014	A&E JENKINS	£ 20.00	SO	£ 20.00						
24/12/014	MS A FELIX	£ 100.00	BACS	£ -		£ 100.00				
05/01/2015	MS A FELIX	£ 10.00	CHQ	£ 10.00						
		£ 150.00								
27/01/2015	MR&MRS SOPER	£ 20.00	CHQ	£ 20.00						
	running totals	£ 8,937.17		£ 2,008.50	£ 1,075.00	£ 5,350.00	£ -	£ -	£ 503.67	

EXPENDITURE

Date	Cheque no	Payee	Sub-totals	Refunds	Stationery	Newsletter	Printing	Postage	Insurance	Memberships	Secretarial Svcs	Donations	Rail grp	Spitalford
YEAR END		CARRIED FORWARD	£241.35											
04/03/2014	BACS	Ms ZJ White member 375 refund moved away	£15.00	£15.00										
		SUBTOTAL	£256.35											
17/03/2014	490	Annual Insurance FoSAS	£270.00						£270.00					
17/03/2014	491	FoSas Membership	£25.00							£25.00				
21/03/2014	BACS	M FORD EXPENSES	£23.46		£23.46									
24/03/2014	492	HPC Tree Planting Initiative	£500.00									£500.00		
		SUBTOTAL	£818.46											
13/04/2014	BACS	M FORD RAIL CLOCK REPAIRS	£70.00										£70.00	
17/04/2014	SO	MSCVC MEMBERSHIP	£15.00							£15.00				
17/04/2014	BACS	HASSOCKS BEACON CENTRE	£300.00									£300.00		
		SUBTOTAL	£385.00											
08/05/2014	BACS	ASTRID STUBBS WEEBLY WEBSITE	£29.21											
21/05/2014	DD	CPRE	£80.00							£80.00				
		SUBTOTAL	£109.21											
29/05/2014	493	LOTTERY ANNUAL LICENCE FEE	£20.00											
24/06/2014	494	D SMITH RAIL GROUP planting	£21.30										£21.30	
24/06/2014	BACS	DR M FORD AGM	£96.07		£96.07									
24/06/2014	BACS	(R KENHARD)FLOWERS JULIET	£15.00											
27/06/2014	BACS	QD STATIONERY	£40.28		£40.28									
01/07/2014	TXFR	TXFR TO DEPOSIT AC	£700.00											
03/07/2014	TFXR	TXFR TO DEPOSIT AC	£1,500.00											
		SUBTOTAL	£2,392.65											
05/08/2014	BACS	ADASTRA HALL 15TH JULY	£10.00											
		SUBTOTAL	£10.00											
20/08/2014	BACS	GREEN GRP TABARDS	£34.34											
		SUBTOTAL	£34.34											
19/09/2014	100495	JACK & JILL PLAYGROUP	£200.00									£200.00		
25/09/2014	BACS	MARGARET FORD	£61.15		£61.15									
25/09/2014	BACS	ADASTRA HALL HIRE	£10.00											
06/10/2014	BACS	GEORGIA CHESHIRE	£221.37											
06/10/2014	BACS	GEORGIA CHESHIRE	£43.96											
		SUBTOTAL	£536.48											
10/10/2014	BACS	F J MAILLARDT EXPENSES	£41.86											
10/10/2014	BACS	R KENHARD STAMPS	£6.36					£6.36						
16/10/2014	BACS	NADA HAA 01 (ROWAN BYRNE LTD)	£225.00								£225.00			
16/10/2014	TXFR	TXFR TO DEPOSIT AC	£5,000.00											
24/10/2014	100496	SIAN PHILLIPS STATION PLANTS	£18.94										£18.94	
24/10/2014	100497	URC HALL HIRE	£20.00											
24/10/2014	TXFR	TXFR FM DEPOSIT AC												
31/10/2014	BACS	QD STATIONERY/LOTTERY	£299.65		£39.65									
03/11/2014	BACS	R KENHARD STAMPS bridge consult	£6.36					£6.36						
		SUBTOTAL	£5,618.17											
18/11/2014	BACS	R KENHARD LOTTERY BANNER	£44.58											
18/11/2014	BACS	F J MAILLARDT EXPENSES LUH PITCH	£5.00											
18/11/2014	BACS	MARGARET FORD	£15.49		£15.49									
19/11/2014	BACS	NADA HAA 02 (ROWAN BYRNE LTD)	£336.36								£336.36			
21/11/2014	BACS	GEORGIA CHESHIRE	£32.99											
26/11/2014	BACS	QD STATIONERY HAA & LOTTERY	£20.44		£18.24									
28/11/2014	BACS	HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL TREES	£500.00									£500.00		
01/12/2014	BACS	R KENHARD DOMAIN RENEWAL 10 YRS	£41.88											
02/12/2014	TXFR	KELLY BULL LOTTERY	£12.00											
03/12/2014	BACS	R KENHARD STAMPS LOTTERY	£6.36											
		SUBTOTAL	£1,015.10											
23/12/2014	BACS	R KENHARD BARK CHIPS	£14.00											
03/01/2015	BACS	QD STATIONERY	£8.75		£8.75									
		SUBTOTAL	£22.75											
14/01/2015	BACS	NADA HAA 03 (ROWAN BYRNE LTD)	£195.00								£195.00			
27/01/2015	BACS	QD STATIONERY	£7.20		£7.20									
		SUBTOTAL	£0.00											
		EXPENDITURE YTD 2014-15	£3,459.36	£15.00	£310.29	£0.00	£0.00	£12.72	£270.00	£120.00	£756.36	£1,500.00	£110.24	£0.00