

## HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP

### Minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday 16 September 2008 at 6.00pm at the King's Church

Present:	Teresa Blaxland	Chairman and Trustee
	Colin Williams	Trustee
	Rupert Simmons	ESCC Councillor
	Beata Drury	Heathfield Youth Centre
	Doug Brunger	Churches Together
	Ruth Waller	Heathfield Street Pastors
	Niki Oakes	Wealden District Councillor
	Peter Newnham	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councillor
	Joanne Aldous	Heathfield Partnership Co-ordinator (notetaker)

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Angie Muddle, Sheran Thorpe, Rosemary Mays-Smith, John Tolley and Tim Hough.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the Last Meeting</b></p> <p>The following amendments were made:</p> <p>Niki Oakes to be shown as Wealden District Councillor</p> <p>4.4 Ron Cussons, not Cousins. His contact details are: 17 Lodge Avenue, Willington, East Sussex BN22 0JD. Tel no: 01323 508518, cllr.ron.cussons@wealden.gov.uk</p> <p>10.1 Heffle Nursery to read Huffle Nursery.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>1. 3.1 TB had not received a response to her letter, so she will telephone them.</p> <p>2. 11.3 No date set yet for litter clean-up, but believed to be the autumn. PN to let the Committee know when the date is set.</p>	<p><b>TB</b></p> <p><b>PN</b></p>
<p><b>4. Sport and Leisure</b></p> <p>1. As RMS was not at the meeting, JA read out her report:</p> <p>The My Place bid has thrown up a number of questions and possibly changed views. Links with the Community College have been strengthened. The Committee were delighted to welcome Beata Drury from the Youth Centre and Loraine Alford will be representing the School on the Committee in future. There are some very pressing decisions to make:</p>	

1. As it now appears the sum of money needed for the necessary work for full planning and outline planning are much higher than previously expected and are also much closer in amount so it seems sensible to go for full planning now. Therefore, we will be considering whether to start the full fund raising now to include this sum.

2. A decision needs to be made whether to apply to the ESCC for planning permission through the School or to WDC through the Partnership.

3. A decision needs to be made as to whether we take the swimming pool, leisure, MUGA and crèche together adapting to the various bids when there is an opportunity.

Rupert and myself have had a very good meeting with Alan Powell who was extremely helpful. Beata Drury and myself have a meeting arranged with Colin Edgebury who runs the My Place bid (this bid is an opportunity to bid for £1-5 million for a suitable project).

David Hague, ex-Chairman of HADSA, has joined the Committee.

2. BD added that the meeting with Colin Edgebury was on the 14 October.
3. RS also added that the outdoor swimming pool was being closed in and that HADSA had left the College with debts of 6-9K. The Committee were considering making the planning application through the College, so it would go to ESCC.
4. There was nothing to report on the NCR21, as Seaford was the priority.

## **5. Financial Report**

1. PN to ask DF when the Partnership could expect to receive payment for the SLA for 2008-09.

**PN**

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

1. The new revamped website went live on the 2 September, with some information still to be transferred over from the old site.
2. TB to speak to Nick Potter about the green livery.
3. ESCC were storing the PIP project papers, as WARR has requested that they are kept until 2015.
4. The PIP at the Crown Inn was still not working and TG had spoken to the owner at the Spar who was interested in having it. TB will contact them, but there would be a cost incurred for moving it.
5. The Committee has agreed to remove the digital photo printing and mobile top up facilities, which would improve performance.
6. There was a cost to providing WIFI to the kiosks. It was thought a good idea that the Co-Op and Youth Centre kiosks have this facility. BD said she would purchase it for the Youth Centre.
7. RS and Nick Potter met with the Youth Council on the 12 September and the

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Youth section will be launched on the 1 October.

8. TB will be attending and giving a presentation on the PIP project at a WARR open day which is for all projects they have given money to.
9. History section to be worked on. JA to contact local historical club (CW to supply contact details), as well as local historians.

JA  
CW

## 7. Farmers Market

1. CW read out his report as follows:

The market has been fairly uneventful over the last few months, stall numbers have varied from 23 to 27 and there are 25 stalls booked for September. In common with all the local farmers markets we have been fairly quiet over the last few months, although most traders seem happy with sales. I have started planning the Christmas market and have lined up a Father Christmas and a microbrewery stall. As usual we worked with the Le Marche committee and many of the market stallholders took part, all of them reported good sales.

## 8. Inward Investment

1. The bid to ESEP was originally for 2 projects; High Street and incubator unit, but as ESEP is no longer operating, ESCC has taken over the administration of the SEEDA money and only 1 bid can be submitted. The Board decided this should be for the High Street. RS is currently working on the new bid, deadline 7 October.

RS

## 9. High Street

1. As RMS was not at the meeting, JA read out her report:

There is a bid in for a large contribution towards the last phases of the High Street regeneration – Phases 6 & 7. Matched funding would be helpful and a few areas have been identified as being possible sources for this. A number of queries from 28<sup>th</sup> July meeting were addressed at 5 September meeting, most controversial of which is the proximity of Station Road junction to the possible newly positioned crossing and a mini-roundabout. Questions have been asked why the crossing needs to be moved at all. There are arguments for and against. The Health and Safety checks are not quite completed and when this has happened there will be a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce. Another consideration that doesn't help is the parking of the huge delivery lorry outside In Bloom at such busy times. Hopefully negotiations will take place to change its location.

2. RS added that a formal presentation would be made to the Parish Council.

## 10. Transport

1. From the 1 October a Youth pilot scheme would be run for six months. 10K had been received from ESCC for excursions and attending extended school

programmes.

2. RS was awaiting confirmation from the relevant organisations that they could proceed with the project.
3. There was a query from Huffle Nursery with regards to Section 19 permit.
4. Heathfield and Waldron Rugby Club had expressed an interest in joining the project.
5. Bus owner will provide insurance and driver.
6. Scheme was being opened up to local groups/organisations from January 2009.

#### **11. LAT**

1. The next meeting was being held on the 9 October, so nothing to report.
2. There was a Meet the Police session on Wednesday 24 September, 6.30pm, at the Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane. RS would encourage as many Partnership members to attend as possible.

#### **12. Street Pastors**

1. RW reported that the pastors had attended Le Marche and had received a very positive response.
2. RW thanked the Parish Council for the extra bins.
3. PC Cathy Codling had reported a quiet summer and was very positive about the scheme.
4. They are starting a second round of training on the 22 September.
5. Eastbourne and Hastings had contacted RW about the scheme and Eastbourne are coming here for training.
6. RS said it would be a good idea if they could attend the Meet the Police session on the 24 September.
7. The Committee congratulated the pastors on their work.

#### **13. Seminars**

1. There was nothing to report.

#### **Public Relations and Marketing**

1. TB wanted to thank Rotary for the very successful carnival.
2. As mentioned above, TB was giving a presentation to WARR on the 30 September.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

1. The Youth Centre is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and events are taking place on the 14 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm and the 15 November 10.30am – 4.30pm. BD to send JA information to go onto the website.
2. The Christmas lights are officially being turned on on the 29 November, the same day as the family fun day, but they are being switched on on the 15 November.

**BD**

3. The Heathfield Partnership AGM is on the 15 October, 6.30pm, at Goldsmith and Allcorn.
4. TB said the new crossing by the Community College had made a huge difference and thanked the Parish Council and ESCC.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

1. Tuesday 25 November, 6.00pm, Kings Church. TB/ST to liaise for dates for next year and circulate to members.

**TB/ST**

The meeting finished at 7.05pm.