

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pulborough Community Partnership
Management Group held using Zoom
on Monday 13th July 2020**

Those attending:

Roger Paterson <i>Chair</i>	RP
David Hurst <i>Minutes</i>	DH
Andrew Cox <i>Treasurer</i>	AC
Ian Hare	IH
Ray Quested	RQ
Rob Aylott	RA
Elizabeth Hunt	EH
Pat Arculus	PA

Item		Actions
1.	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting of 18 th May 2020 were agreed	
2.	Financial Report	
	The Treasurer had covered the accounts in the previous meeting of the Directors.	
3.	Village COVID response	
	DH said that he had been looking at figures for COVID confirmed infections and found that to the middle of June Horsham DC had 511 confirmed cases which equates to 359 per 100,000 population. The District with the best result was Torrridge in Devon with 53 cases, 77 per 100,000. The worst was Leicester with 4,265 cases, 1,200 per 100,000. West Sussex had 2,710 cases, 315 per 100,000. DH said he had heard that the Hillside Lodge care home had reported 20 deaths after being hit by an infection.	
4.	Parish Council Report	
	<i>Neighbourhood Plan:</i> IH and RQ reported that the Plan was now in Regulation 14 public consultation through to the end of August. The public were offered the opportunity to ask questions using Zoom at planned opportunities. EH had spread the entire plan across the window of her shop at 81b Lower Street and it was attracting attention. RP said that the Community Land Trust was developing a campaign to encourage residents to say that more really affordable houses were required.	

	<p><i>Pavilion:</i> IH reported that the project progresses. RQ has developed a business plan which is currently being made presentable and should be available next week. The project will need outside organisations to use the facilities in order to make it work. The parish council has to see the funding statement and agree the plan.</p> <p><i>Stakeholder Group:</i> There was a meeting the next day so an update would be forthcoming later. PA emphasised that the HDC planners need to be involved. EH was emphatic about the need to concentrate on the place rather than facilitate a link between other places. DH said he was keen to get cyclists and pedestrians away from the A roads. RQ supported getting the Neighbourhood Plan agreed so that those developments can be included.</p> <p><i>New website:</i> The council is going to develop a new website to be ready later this year. An amended plan will go to the next meeting and if agreed then work can start.</p>	PA/DH
5.	Websites	
	<p><i>PCP – www.pulborough.org</i> DH said that this is now open to the public. It will never be finished but the meeting offered congratulations to DH and to David Jessop who had done the work to bring it to life.</p> <p><i>Tourism website.</i> RA reported that he had broken the project into two parts, the first of which is to concentrate on known areas and get that published and running.</p> <p><i>Traders – www.pulboroughtraders.co.uk</i> EH said that the basic site was public and three traders had so far agreed to help fund it. She said that traders wanted to have a board somewhere listing the businesses on the street. Nothing had been designed yet as she was looking for a suitable position.</p>	
6.	Lower Street	
	<p><i>Car park works:</i> DH said that Nigel Weston of HDC did not yet have a date to start work nor a budget with which to choose items to be covered.</p> <p><i>Increasing footfall in Lower Street after COVID:</i> EH said that proposals had been forwarded to HDC and were subject to a panel decision ratified by councillors. Results were awaited.</p> <p>RQ said he had seen frequent visits by HDC traffic enforcement officers and wondered why they were picking on cars. It was suggested that HDC wanted to make up a shortfall in car parking revenue.</p> <p><i>Trader changes:</i> EH said that The Pulborough Exchange would expand into the Maestro shop when works had been completed. She was planning a new shopfront. She had heard of a Pulborough resident who wanted to open a cycle shop but was having difficulty finding premises. She said a gym would be opening in the station industrial estate on 25th July.</p> <p><i>Counting footfall in Lower Street:</i> DH said that following pleas by HDC Economic Development the Noggin phone counters were to be resurrected to trace the footfall as the COVID restrictions open up. There is one in Pulborough Exchange and one in the Mary How shop. He will circulate figures as they become available.</p>	DH
7.	WildArt Trail	
	<p><i>Culvert failure:</i> The culvert had not yet been repaired. Julianne is currently on annual leave until the end of the month.</p> <p><i>Relaunch:</i> It was agreed there was no point in any publicity until the culvert</p>	

	was repaired and the Trail safe to use. DH was asked to write to Julianne asking for the repair to be prioritised and copy that to IH.	DH
8.	Gateway Signs	
	RP said that the 'support your local shops' sign was currently up, and EH said the traders were pleased with that. DH said that there should be a Neighbourhood Plan sign coming soon. RP said he could also do a WildArt Trail one if required.	RP
9.	Water Sports	
	There was discussion of the increase in the amount of people using the river from the slipway by Swan Bridge and the car park across the river which is in Coldwaltham parish. It was reported that the slipway was the only launching place on the Arun that could be used free of charge mainly because no-one owned the slipway, although surrounding land was owned. The lack of parking at the river was a problem and there would be conflict with the Corn Store, fishing people and the farmer. PA pointed out that the site was not a defined car park though there will be a 4-hour limit placed on parking there. The canoe company had agreed to direct people to the station car park. However this was an opportunity that should be used, not ignored. PA said there was a project for water sports underway in Coastal West Sussex which was including Pulborough because of the slipway. She would pass on the contact.	PA
10.	Community Land Trust	
	RP said that the government had not announced any new help for CLTs. HDC is the only council in Sussex that has not supported a CLT. He said that the median wage in Horsham district is £23,300.	
11.	Hub and Mums Space	
	RA reported that the Hub was meeting online as well as possible given the circumstances. Mums' Space was currently on hold though if the Youth Club moves to the Pavilion he wondered who will take the lease of the current building? He did not expect it to open until 2021.	
12.	Tourism Information Screen	
	DH said that the tourism information screen in Lower Street car park which has been displaying static information on COVID was being discussed by HDC. It seems they will not reinstate an interactive message.	
13.	Youth Centre	
	IH said that the contractor, Sussex Clubs for Young People, was actively supporting children in the COVID pandemic with a volunteer teacher to assist with homework and there was counselling support for children suffering bereavement or domestic abuse.	
14.	Station Display	
	RA said that the plan to install a screen in the station booking hall displaying historical information about the railway would be launched on 12th September by the High Sheriff of West Sussex together with various rail	

	officers. There will be refreshments and he would be talking to Little Bean about that. This will be a permanent feature.	RA
15.	Any Other Business	
	EH said that she was concerned about the reawakening of the Lower Street businesses and especially the return of speeding traffic. The lockdown had shown that the area in the centre of Lower Street, once called Waterloo Square, was a pleasant place without the traffic. She believed that the area could be made to stand out with a different surface to the street and single track traffic. It would make the area much more friendly and a safer environment. She had written a draft proposal that would be circulated. DH, RQ and PA were supportive and it would be raised at the Stakeholder meeting the next day.	EH PA/DH
16.	Date of Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be on Monday 7 th September 2020 at 5 pm using Zoom subject to the coronavirus situation.	ALL

David Hurst
15th July 2020