

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pulborough Community Partnership
Management Group held using Zoom
on Wednesday 19th January 2022**

Those attending:

Roger Paterson <i>Chair</i>	RP
David Hurst <i>Minutes</i>	DH
Andrew Cox <i>Treasurer</i>	AC
Ian Hare	IH
Paul Clarke (part)	PC
Ray Qusted	RQ
Rob Aylott	RA
Elizabeth Hunt	EH
Len Ellis-Brown	LE
Elain Kipp (part)	EK
Edna Henly	EdH
Stephen Pegler	SP

Apologies

Paul Latter
Lisette Trembling
Ruth Court

Item		Actions
1.	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting of 24 th November 2021 were agreed	DH
2.	Financial Report	
	AC tabled a report showing funds available of £21,851, mostly ring-fenced. There had been little activity since the November meeting beyond renewing the insurance which continued to be at the same price. RA showed a Pulborough Pound which had been used as a prize in the Christmas competition. These can only be 'spent' in certain shops that had signed up and are refunded from PCP funds.	
3.	Community Action Plan	
	As part of the original requirements of the Act that brought in Community Partnerships we have to consult the residents to ensure that the activities we carry out are in line with their expectations. RP and a small working group are progressing the plan to develop an online survey with hard copies also available. A hard copy leaflet will be distributed door to door with the link to a Google Forms survey, and similar designs will be used on social media. The presentation would be aimed primarily at	

	families with children and look to different areas of village activities avoiding issues that were the responsibility of authorities, such as planning. It is likely there will be a draw of Pulborough Pounds to encourage residents to complete forms. Designs are underway awaiting for suitable photos of village scenes or activities, preferably including children, and will be circulated for comment. Please send any photographs you consider may be attractive or informative to Roger asap.	RP All
4.	Parish Council Report	
	<p><i>Neighbourhood Plan:</i> IH reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is currently being delayed, along with others in the District, by the water neutrality problems. It was complete but now just awaited a new referendum date.</p> <p><i>Pavilion:</i> IH said that the Pavilion was also awaiting planning permission but was held up by the water neutrality problems.</p> <p><i>MUGA:</i> IH said that the MUGA on the recreation ground, thought to be some 30 years old, was in urgent need of resurfacing and fencing repairs which were expected to cost in the region of £135,000. He was concerned that the Pavilion and the MUGA are likely to exhaust the Section106/CIL funds which will leave none for the Pump Track. There was a discussion about the decline of the sports facilities causing players to move to teams elsewhere locally. LE would explore the offering of local villages to judge what were successful.</p> <p><i>Village Wardens:</i> IH said that they were due to interview two applicants later in the current week.</p>	LE
5.	Fundraising for village projects	
	Following the last meeting and IH's comments above it is necessary to formalise what projects were requiring funding and were such funds might be found. There are many different grant sources available but those running projects require help to access them. It was suggested to set up a Pulborough Projects Panel to develop the idea. DH and EH will start this off.	DH/EH
6.	Lower Street	
	<p><i>Trader News:</i> EH said that the Pulborough Exchange would have a formal opening by IH and Andrew Griffith on Friday at 12 noon. She said there had been a series of successful late night openings in December that should become an annual event. DH said that Boomerang Barbers had closed and is likely to remain shut until the end of the lease. (Later: it is reported that W. Bryder, funeral directors of Petworth, plan to move into the Co-Op Funeralcare premises in April) EH said the dental practice above Pulborough Exchange had been sold. The previous owner would continue working there under the new management. EH said that one of the dental nurses had fallen in the dark on upper Barn House Lane and she wanted to progress the refurbishment of that lane. EK said it was a private lane therefore section 106 could not be used. LE pointed out it was a public footpath and therefore WSCC Rights of Way had a responsibility.</p> <p><i>Trees:</i> EH said the planned tree plantings in Lower Street will be happening in February.</p> <p><i>Counting footfall:</i> LE tabled a report on the figures from the HDC system which gave more detail than previously available including showing there was a 26% uplift of people in the Heritage Weekend and Harvest Fair. LE and DH would talk to refine the figures.</p>	EH EH LE/DH

	<i>Speed signs:</i> DH had produced a recommendation which had already been circulated and which was being considered by the parish council the following night. (Later: the parish council agreed to support the project). PC suggested that WSCC had Section 106 funds especially for Highways projects and to talk to Heather.	DH
7.	EV Charging Points	
	PC said that this was trickling down from County to District and now to Parish. The prime reason was to provide charging facilities for residents who could not park off-road and they must be on public land. In Pulborough the primary places were the Lower Street car park and the Pavilion car park. The current decision required was at the strategic level of what sites to use. The number and power of charging points comes later. HDC would put in ducting and the contractor would add the chargers. DH said that PL, who drove a fully electric car, said that there was a need for visitors to charge quickly and a fast charger in Lower Street would encourage visitors to spend money in the time they waited. PC said that one of the decisions was how the existing power networks will cope with charging.	
8.	Gateway Signs	
	DH said that the sign on the A283 towards the White Horse had been destroyed by vandals three consecutive times. The decision had been taken to leave that sign empty for some months in the hope the vandal changed their pub.	
9.	WildArt Trail	
	DH said there was a possibility of funds from the SDNP being available to develop footpaths and a bid was being planned to complete the footpath on the Wildbrooks from the Pig Run to the river bank. DH said that there was also a possibility of getting more funds to reprint the WildArt leaflets as part of HDC's Welcome Back plan. He was pursuing both.	DH
	The following items have nothing to report at this time	
10.	Tourism and PCP websites	
11.	Mens' Shed	
12.	Mums' Space	
13.	Pulborough Watersports	
14.	Youth Centre	
15.	Community Land Trust	
16.	Pump Track	
AOB	<i>Homeshare:</i> SP introduced Homeshare which brings together people with spare rooms with people who are happy to chat and lend a hand around the house in return for affordable, sociable accommodation. Together, Householders and Homesharers share home life, time, skills and experience. Homeshare UK is the UK network for Homeshare providers, see https://homeshareuk.org/ He asked if anyone knew if the process was happening in Pulborough and suggestions of contacts were made. RP strongly supported the concept of multigenerational housing and described a local example.	SP

	<p><i>Queens Jubilee: 2-5 June:</i> RA suggested that we hold a picnic on the Recreation Ground with music, bunting, maybe a large marquee and everyone can come and bring their own picnic. He suggested that the Harvest Fair team could put it together but more helpers would be needed. DH mentioned the Jubilee Arts Fund administered by Sussex Community Foundation for funding.</p> <p><i>Welcome to Pulborough:</i> RA said that plans were underway to produce a pack of information to go to people moving into properties in Pulborough. This could probably be followed up by a party in the village hall, perhaps every quarter, with a select group of speakers to describe what was going on in the village. The intention was to speed up the integration of new residents. The estate agents were enthusiastic.</p> <p><i>Storage:</i> The village has various items of kit that have been acquired to support the events, e.g. Harvest Fair, that take place regularly. It ranges from boxes of literature, generators, useful timber, stakes, bunting, chairs, and these are spread around various people's garages in the village. There needs to be a storage facility, ideally within or close to the village, where such kit can be stored safely and easily accessed when necessary. The kit needs to be identified, marked and listed so it can be loaned to village organisations. RQ doesn't have anything now but there could be something in the future. The garden centre was suggested and Alyson Heath named as a possible informant. Acquiring a container and parking it at a farm was mentioned.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p> <p>PL</p>
17.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 5 pm using Zoom subject to the coronavirus situation.</p> <p>Dates for your diary or gadget for the rest of the year are:</p> <p>18 May 20 July 21 September 23 November</p> <p>5pm on Zoom unless otherwise notified.</p>	ALL

David Hurst
21st January 2022