Pulborough
Pulborough Community Partnership

Minutes of the meeting of the Pulborough Community Partnership Management Group held in the Parish Room on Tuesday 17th December 2024

Those attending:

Roger Paterson *Chair*	RP
David Hurst *Minutes*	DH
Andrew Cox	AC
Elizabeth Hunt	EH
Paul Latter	PL
Ray Quested	RQ

Apologies

Rob Aylott
Jon Campbell
Paul Clarke
Len Ellis-Brown
Charlotte Kenyon
Maria Lee

Item		Actions
1.	The Chairman noted that the meeting was quorate.	
2.	**Minutes of the last meeting**	
	The minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2024 were agreed with two amendments requested by EH.	**DH**
3.	**Financial Report**	
	AC presented the report for the period from 1st March 2024 to date. This showed that there had been income of £5,927.84 and expenditure of £3,902.47. The current bank account totalled £16,975.63. The Harvest Fair would be covered under item 4. AC said that the annual insurance was due and would be rolled over unchanged. However the work on the container was due soon (see item 6) and that will probably mean the premium will go up once it is done.	**AC**
4.	**Harvest Fair 28th September 2024**	
	PL and AC reported that the accounts for the Harvest Fair, including the raffle that was held over until the PPC's Christmas Market on 6th December, showed a final profit of 73 pence. The one outstanding item, the payment upfront to the toilet suppliers, would be pursued in the hope of getting it offset against next year's event. AC thanked PL, ML and Tia Stillwell for all their hard work in achieving this result. This was echoed by the meeting.	**PL**
5.	**Harvest Fair 27th September 2025**	
	PL said that while the date had been chosen there had been no action yet. There had been talk earlier this year of the PPC taking on the Fair	

	and in addition ML had said she would not be available to do the same amount of work. DH said he was considering repeating the online advertising that had resulted in ML stepping forward.	
6.	**Summer Picnic/Pultopia 21st June 2025**	
	In the absence of both ML and RA there was little that could be said. DH said that he understood that both would be on the recreation ground with the Picnic taking place on the afternoon and the Pultopia in the evening as each was aimed at different audiences.	
7.	**Lower Street car park and Barn House Lane**	
	DH said that despite chasing he had not had any details of the works proposed by HDC. He was conscious that Clare Mangan was leaving HDC on this coming Friday and would talk to her beforehand.	**DH**
8.	**Storage of village event equipment**	
	In RA's absence AC said that he had heard that the proposed works on the container would start in early January. PL said that the inventory of equipment needed updating both in quantities and value.	**RA**
9.	**Signal Box**	
	DH said that on 5th December he and RA had visited the signal box with Network Rail and seen the excellent renovation work. He said the scaffolding was due to be removed shortly and the job was then complete. The main problem remaining was to get the NR property department to engage in negotiations about the lease as so far there was no contact whatsoever despite many promises. He said there was a similar problem in getting contact from Stonewater to discuss the proposed western car park so that the box would have some supporting land. Pressure would continue to be applied at every opportunity.	**DH/RA**
10.	**Village Hall**	
	RQ said that some of the wooden external cladding needed replacement and maintenance and he was waiting for his preferred carpenter to start. He said that following a publicity campaign the hall was getting a good number of children's parties. EH asked about progress on the requested T-Loop hearing system and RQ said that investigations continued. DH suggested that contact be made with the RNID for advice.	**RQ**
11.	**Parish Council**	
	EH, in LE's absence, said that there was a new Green Spaces, Nature and Tourism subcommittee being set up which meant that Wild Pulborough would become the Nature Group. She said that the MUGA had problems that were thought to be faulty workmanship and the contractor had been recalled. There was also no groundsman at the moment as the previous person, Fred, had retired.	
12.	**Lower Street**	
	a. Speed Indicator Devices. DH said that while both SIDS were up and running the recent long spell of dull, cloudy weather had meant that the solar panels were not charging the batteries, even on the western SID. PL said that he had ideas to improve	**DH**

	matters with perhaps an upgraded solar panel or maybe two panels wired together. b. Trader News. EH said that the Beneficial Health shop was being considered by Truffles bakery. The small shop next to the Kurdish barber was now a pet shop on the ground floor and a pets transport service run from the first floor. c. Clare Denman in the flower shop would be retiring next week and the shop would be taken over by one of her assists, Becky. Trees, troughs and gardens: EH will be ordering two new troughs to be placed outside Bryders. It is likely there will be two more to go outside the GL shop when that is taken on.	**EH**
13.	**Cycleways**	
	DH said that there had been a good first meeting with the two ladies keen to promote the opening of the old Rother Valley railway track as a cycle/walking route. This was not seen as a quick fix but had to start somewhere. He, together with Paul Clarke and Sharon Curd had attended with reps from Fittleworth and Coldwaltham parish councils.	**DH**
14.	**Any Other Business**	
	• For the information of the meeting DH outlined the proposal to have a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan on 30th January. It now (next day) seems probable that this will be postponed because of problems with the HDC Local Plan. There was discussion of ML's problems with someone writing to various authorities with fictitious reports of bad practice on the many voluntary works ML does with great efficiency. All present at the meeting said they wholeheartedly supported ML and thanked her for all her work.	**All** **All**
14.	**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 5.30 pm in the parish room.**	**ALL**
	The following items have nothing to report at this time. These are listed so they aren't forgotten. **Community Action Plan survey** **Development of the Visitor Economy** **Gateway Signs** **Heritage Fund** **Homeshare** **Mini-museum in library** **PCP Websites** **Pulborough Watersports** **Pump Track** **WildArt Trail** **Youth Centre**	

David Hurst 18th December 2024