

**Pulborough Community Partnership  
Management Group meeting held in the Parish Room of the Sports & Social Club  
on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm**

## **Minutes**

### **Those present**

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| Roger Paterson – Chair | RP |
| David Hurst – Minutes  | DH |
| Andrew Cox             | AC |
| Ray Quested            | RQ |
| Rob Aylott             | RA |
| Peter Jones            | PJ |
| Ruth Court             | RC |

Apologies: Pat Arculus; Les Ampstead, Andy Tilbrook.

### **1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September were agreed.

### **2. Financial report**

The financial report was discussed at the board meeting held just before this meeting. AC apologised for not getting to the Section 106 monies and there was a discussion about the history and the way forward. Les Ampstead had some relevant documents and RP would chase him for these.

### **3. WildArt Trail**

RB and RP updated the meeting on the project. EAFRD had invited an application for funding and this would be led by HDC and had to be submitted by 1 January 2018 with a decision expected six weeks later. The artist had produced some initial ideas which were tabled and a walkabout had taken place that morning. The project, which would cost some £170,000, was gaining support from various bodies such as SDNP, WSCC, Network Rail but was primarily being led by the PCP and RSPB.

### **4. A27 Consultation**

DH reported that he had replied to the Highways England Consultation on behalf of the PCP voting in favour of Option 5a. He had also written to major employers in Pulborough and to local parish councils. The results of the Consultation were awaited and may be in January or February 2018.

### **5. Parish Council Report**

RQ said that Cllr Jeannie Esdaile would be the PC representative on the Arun Valley Rail Users Association.

The PC had sent comments to HDC about the car parking situation in Lower Street. RQ expected that work would be carried out to correct parking signing in Lower St. and enforcement on parking in surrounding roads.

The PC had appointed a project management company to handle the £1.5 million replacement of the Sports & Social Club. Plans and site investigations would take place before proposals were placed before the users and detailed costings approved. The project was expected to be completed

in 2019. RQ expected HDC to put forward half the costs. DH pointed out LEADER and EAFRD as potential sources of funds.

#### **6. Horsham Rural Towns Forum report**

DH said that there had been a presentation by HDC on changes to the waste collections which meant that green and blue bin collections would now be fortnightly on alternate weeks. Anyone wanting a larger bin must apply before the end of November. There would be three phases of publicity before the changes in Spring next year.

There had been misunderstanding about the request by Southwater Parish Clerk to attend HRTF meetings. The request was from a councillor who wanted to restart a Community Partnership in Southwater. He would be invited to attend to observe. The meeting decided to rename the Forum Horsham District Community Partnerships Forum (HDCPF) henceforward.

The Millennium Trail had received an invitation to apply for Heritage Lottery funding to renovate and expand the number of plaques in the District.

#### **7. Public Toilets**

Held over until AT returns.

#### **8. Community Action Plan**

The CAP is the basis for the existence of the Community Partnership and is now out of date. A village meeting was held early this year where attendees voted on suggested ideas for projects. RA tabled the results of the analysis. A new CAP needs to be written to highlight a limited number of projects that were both doable and desirable.

DH was asked to approach Richard Keatley to see if he would produce the document and what he would charge.

#### **9. Lower Street**

In the absence of AT a discussion was held that mentioned the problems of the General Stores, the Tea Room and the closure of Gatleys.

RP had received a request from the West Sussex County Times for comment on traders' concerns. It was decided that he would respond encouraging traders to form an association open to all and transparent in membership. It was considered that it was up to the traders to suggest and make improvements happen rather than others to impose solutions from on high. Projects should be done by them, not to them.

#### **10. Local Action Team/Good Neighbour Scheme**

PJ said that reports of anti-social behaviour in Pulborough were falling, unlike many places. PJ said that he couldn't praise the work of the Wardens too highly.

He had discovered that a policeman had put together a 90-minute talk on scams and he hoped to invite him to talk to a public meeting early next year.

The Good Neighbour Scheme had been handed to the Community Care Association as a better fit and the donation of £200 had gone with it. This can be deleted from future minutes.

PJ said that he had been disturbed by reports that the Crime Commissioner was using Section 106 money for policing activities. RQ said that he had sent a Freedom of Information request to her asking for details.

PJ recommended that members join, use and publicise the website [nextdoor.co.uk](http://nextdoor.co.uk) as a way of distributing information locally. DH said that there was a group for Pulborough which had some 70+ members and a wider group of villages that had over 300 members. He had used the site to discover the Pulborough signalman.

#### **11. Duck Race**

RA said that the Duck Race progressed and was on time for the April date.

#### **12. Youth Centre**

No report was available. RQ said that the intention was to include facilities for the Youth Centre in the new Sports & Social Club (see item 5).

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

- RA said that he was pursuing the possibility of uses for the listed Pulborough signal box. He confirmed that he had had a long conversation with the enthusiastic signalman. The next step was to look inside the box and also to talk to other groups that had taken on such boxes. He would like to find someone to run a group to take the box under local control.
- DH said that he had been told the Guy Smith, owner of the Corn Store and other properties in Swan Corner, had died last week from cancer. He understood that his son would take on the business.
- DH said that the Neighbourhood Plan group had a very good meeting with the new head of St Marys School, Joanna Brown. The school had 360 pupils now and had space for 420. They also had 55 jobs which makes them a large employer in the parish. Around 75% of her employees lived in the parish.
- DH said that the PCP website Pulborough.org was very out of date and needed attention. It could be used for other things than PCP matters. Initially the meeting decided to find someone who could enter material on the site provided Richard Keatley could provide instructions. DH would approach him.

15. Date of next meeting is **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room** – which has been booked.

David Hurst  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2017