



**Pulborough Community Partnership  
Management Group meeting held in the Parish Room of the Sports & Social Club  
on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm**

## **Minutes**

### **Those present**

Roger Paterson – Chair	RP
David Hurst – Minutes	DH
Ray Quested	RQ
Pat Arculus	PA
Rob Aylott	RA
Peter Jones	PJ
Les Ampstead	LA
Andy Tilbrook	AT

Apologies: Richard Keatley, Andrew Cox

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

The minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> May were agreed.

### **2. Financial report**

AC was ill so the financial report was held over.

Section 106 was discussed and it was obvious that there was no clear picture of what money was available. AC was requested, in his absence, to co-ordinate the information available from RA and LA and the Parish Clerk and then seek a meeting with the relevant officer at HDC to clarify what money was available to the Parish and the Partnership.

### **3. WildArt Trail**

RB and RP outlined the plan to have a signed trail from the rail station through Church Place and the East Glebe Field and Lower Street, across the Wildbrooks to the RSPB reserve. It will have signs and art supported by electronic information. This is being developed by the PCP, Parish Council and RSPB with support from HDC and SDNP among others. The intention is to help develop tourism in Pulborough and support the traders of Lower Street. It will tie into the HDC Year of Culture 2019. HDC are leading on an EAFRID grant application for £204,000 which will cover various aspects including physical works.

RP requested that the PCP paid £425 fee for an artist, Polly Finch, to develop the artistic concept to enable supporters to visualise the effects. This was agreed.

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

PJ said that there was little to talk about currently but the LAT have agreed to continue to meet every five weeks so that people can bring matters to their attention when required. PJ said that he couldn't praise the work of the Wardens too highly.

The Good Neighbour Scheme has been progressing and he asked for a grant of £200 to support the publicity. This was agreed to come from the Harvest Fair funds.

PA said that PJ should not forget the CLC grants as the Good Neighbour Scheme fitted their parameters very closely.

## **5. Duck Race**

RA said that he had been working to resurrect the Duck Race after a gap of some ten years and had a small team in place to take it on. It was hoped to have the event on Sunday 15 April 2018 between 1pm and 4pm because of the tides. It will use the southern bank of the river, downstream of Swan Bridge. This land is owned by the Reynolds brothers and they have agreed. The event will be modelled on the Harvest Fair with stalls and the races will have heats and decorated polystyrene floats.

RA said that insurance and cash flow would be required from the PCP and asked for agreement to go ahead. This was given.

## **6. Elderly Care**

AT said that he had been concerned for some time at the forthcoming crisis in care of the elderly. This concern had increased following a meeting with Alan Bolt of PMG who had said that currently roughly 30% of Pulborough's population was over 65 and this would increase to 40% in ten years. Bolt had also said that around 30% of PMG's cases currently had a mental aspect. AT believed we will need 50% more care staff than at present and he was worried about where these would come from and where they would live as our current housing stock was unaffordable to them.

There was discussion about the proposed Community Land Trust and the Community Action Plan and looking to the Neighbourhood Plan for possible solutions.

It was decided that while this was not a direct responsibility for the PCP it should be monitored.

## **7. A27 Arundel Consultation**

DH tabled an extract from the Highways England brochure on the Arundel A27 options which showed that Option 5a would reduce traffic on the A29 by 33%. He asked the agreement of the meeting to write to local parish councils and others on PCP paper pointing out this fact and recommending they support this option. This was agreed.

## **8. Parish Council Report**

RQ said that four companies had put forward proposals to project manage the replacement for the Sports & Social Club.

HDC were planning to expand Pulborough's Conservation Area. A hard copy of the proposals is in the Parish Office.

## **9. Horsham Rural Towns Forum**

LA reported the following items:

*Safety Matters:* an initiative has been introduced by HDC to educate residents about encountering drug-related litter, e.g. syringes and needles. The underlying message is to call for assistance. LA distributed cards giving more details.

*Partnership Funding:* Melanie Stowell of HDC said that she assumed the funding would be the same as the current year and the process be the same. She said she can help identify funds for projects.

*District Visitor Economy Strategy:* Claire Mangan said that the consultation had been completed and the consultants had delivered their report (*I have a copy. David*). There were three main themes

- *Hub and Host*

This was to publicise the assets of the district and to encourage people to stay and visit the area, also to encourage day visitors to stay longer. This would need work in the areas such as access local transport, parking, signage, accommodation and the evening economy.

- *Roots and Shoots*  
This is the area to give support for local business to grow such as local producers and to encourage collaboration between businesses. It will also seek to develop local talents in music and arts.
- *Curious Nature*  
This is the area to promote the District's unique attractions such as outdoors walks, cycle paths, bird watching, golf courses, and village events and to explain its cultural heritage.
- In addition to this it is proposed to develop a visual identity/logo for the district tourism which could be used on all publicity.
- *Next Steps:* The next step is to develop a strategy for implementation and to this end a Development Strategy Group will be formed to take this work forward under the guidance of Acorn Consulting. An invitation has gone out to those who expressed an interest of being further involved to attend a meeting on **the 26<sup>th</sup> September between 3.00 and 5.00 at Summers Pond, Barnes Green.**

*Rural Car Parks:* During discussions it was clear that each parish had been asking HDC for changes to the scheme relevant to their own needs. Lynda Spain was asked to ascertain HDC's intentions.

*Post Offices:* there was concern about closure of rural post offices and banks. Claire Mangan was asked to see what HDC's stance was on this subject.

*Heritage Trail:* Requests to parish councils offering extra plaques for the district had produced six replies out of 30 emails sent out.

*HDC Events:* Jobs Fair in Horsham on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Ameri-Car-Na American car and bike show on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Piazza Italia Car Rally will not be held in 2018 but will return in 2019.

Next meeting of HRTF is on 31<sup>st</sup> October in Pulborough Village Hall. DH will chair.

#### **10. Lower Street**

AT said he had been ill and needed to catch up on any progress.

DH said that Saagar Patel of the General Stores had just found out about plans to remove the layby outside his shop and was concerned. When DH had said that getting a single voice from the traders was impossible as there was no association, Saagar said he would start one.

#### **11. Public Toilets**

The Village Hall had refused to open their toilets.

The Oddfellows were not against the proposal when the pub was open but would like in return to have help with disabled persons access. AT said that he had some ideas and would follow this up.

#### **12. Community Action Plan**

This was carried over.

#### **13. Youth Centre**

No report was available.

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

- PJ asked about the website as it was very out of date. The only person who has access is Richard Keatley. DH would enquire.

- DH said that Richard Keatley is trying to step back from voluntary activities as he had to earn a living. He was making himself available to handle such projects as the Community Action Plan but for a fee. LA said that Rowena Tyler was doing the same and the two might work together on projects.
- RP said that the RSPB had agreed to pay for four Gateway signs four times a year but required their logo on the top of each sign, not on the frames as had been suggested.
- Barclays Bank were closing their branch in Billingshurst.

15. Date of next meeting is **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Parish Room** – which has been booked.

David Hurst  
10 Sept 2017