

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pulborough Community Partnership
Management Group held at the Sports & Social Club
on Monday 13th January 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
John Wallace	JW

Apologies

Lisette Trembling; Christine Lindsay; Felicity Stroud, Edna Henly

Item		Actions
1.	Pump Track	
	The chairman welcomed Kai Stenning with colleagues and supporters to describe and explain the proposal for a Pump Track that was in early stages of development and to ask whether the PCP would hold the funds they are collecting. Following many questions the meeting agreed to act as a banker. The group then left the meeting. (Later: Carol Boniface has agreed to act as the conduit between the boys and Andrew)	AC
2.	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting of 21 st October 2019 were agreed	
3.	Financial Report	
	AC said that the PCP had around £21,000 available funds of which about £10,000 was unencumbered. There was also about £20,000 of Section 106 money being held by HDC. The meeting was disappointed to hear that HDC had refused to issue the £1000 annual support of running costs as the PCP had what were considered large reserves. The Harvest Fair accounts were almost complete and showing a profit although RA said there was a little more to come. RA wanted to send the promised £500 to St Mary's School and this was agreed . He said that there may be a further beneficiary to be decided.	RA/AC

4.	Parish Council Report	
	<p><i>Neighbourhood Plan:</i> RQ reported that the 274-page Strategic Environmental Assessment had finally arrived in the week before Christmas. Comments on this had been made and were being sent to HDC for their consideration. Once any changes had been made the Plan can go to Regulation 14 which is a six-week consultation by the community. Reg. 15 is the analysis of any comments. Reg. 16 is another six-week consultation but by HDC. Then it goes to an independent Examiner appointed by HDC and once approved by him/her it goes to Referendum of the residents.</p> <p><i>Pavilion:</i> IH reported that they met the architects last week. There are three parts to the building, one part is under an overarching roof, the second is demolition and rebuild and the third is renovation. The next stage is find out the costs.</p> <p><i>Lower Street:</i> IH said the analysis of the survey showed a significant majority in favour of the traffic flow from east to west. The project is now back with Highways to be put to a designer. EH raised the question of pollution, comparing it to Storrington. IH and JW pointed out differences with the Storrington situation but agreed that pollution had to be considered alongside the safety of pedestrians.</p>	
5.	River Arun Floodplain	
	<p>RA outlined the plan by the Environment Agency (EA) to withdraw maintenance from the floodplain of the Arun. The lower areas from Pulborough southwards had been the subject of many meetings and a report had been published by a working group in January 2019. The upper levels from Pulborough north to Pallingham Weir was also threatened following a letter distributed in September 2019.</p> <p>The river forms much of the western and southern boundary of the parish but the main effect of floods has been around Swan Corner. DH said that he had been told that in the recent floods the main problem was that pipes to the pumps at Swan Corner had been blocked by rubbish and therefore they had failed. JW said that it was unclear who was going to be responsible for the pumps when the EA withdrew their support.</p> <p>RP said that while this was useful and interesting information there was little that the Community Partnership can do about it. He recommended that approaches be made through the District Councillors as HDC have an ongoing programme with the EA.</p>	
6.	WildArt Trail	
	<p>DH said that the Trail had been launched to Pulborough residents and the app had been downloaded 715 times. All the hardware was now installed but there was still some groundwork to be completed. Unfortunately a culvert on the RSPB land had collapsed and although passable with care it was not entirely safe. This would not be repaired until dry weather arrived.</p> <p>The Rural Payments Agency who had given the money were inspecting the Trail on the following Wednesday to be assured that all the hardware they had paid for was installed.</p> <p>It was planned that there would be a relaunch with stronger publicity in the Spring.</p>	DH

7.	Later Life Planning Event	
	DH explained that there had been an event in Storrington where local businesses had manned tables in a hall for people to come and discuss aspects of life as elderly. 72 people had visited the exhibition and there had been many positive comments. Storrington Community Partnership were planning to hold the event every two years and DH suggested that Pulborough could run a similar event in the alternate years. EH requested that a more positive spin be made. The meeting agreed to the concept.	DH
8.	Duck Race	
	RA reported that the race would be held on Saturday 6 th June, a date dictated by the tides and the close season for fishing. He said that he was losing the current highly effective organiser, Debbie Worster, after this year's event and was looking for someone to shadow her this year in order to take over next year.	RA
9.	Hub and Mums Space	
	RA reported that the Hub had reached five years of operation and he had invited the current MP to come and mark that event on a date to be fixed. It was doing well with 30 attendees at Monday's meeting. Mums' Space was planned to be a similar event in the Youth Club but aimed at mothers dropping children at St Mary's School in the morning. It needed some fitting out and he asked for support from the PCP. The meeting agreed £250. EH said that she may be able to direct some owners of sofas to RA. He hoped to get it started for the summer term.	RA
10.	Open House Heritage weekend	
	This event on the weekend of 12/13 September would be part of the national Heritage Open Days running on 11-20 September. It would be led in Pulborough by the Pulborough Society with the Community Partnership. The concept is that there would be a few places open to the public and in them would be a slide show of the history of the immediate area and the opportunity for a tour. One venue already agreed is the Masonic Hall in Station Road and the Oddfellows is also likely. Another venue is being sought.	RA
11.	Visitor website and Tourism Information Screen	
	RA said that following the installation of the hardware of the tourist information screen in the Lower Street car park it was realised that the concept of a website to portray Pulborough to the visitor had to be actioned. The whole project could cost in the region of £10,000. The primary reason for the new site would be to improve the economy of the village and develop a pride-in-place. It was decided to set up a separate meeting to develop the project.	RA
12.	PCP website pulborough.org	
	DH said that the development of a new PCP website was on his plate. Given that the tourism aspects were being diverted onto another site as in 11 above then the pulborough.org website could be developed as a purely PCP site designed to display the work of the Partnership to Pulborough residents.	DH

13.	Tourism Poster	
	DH said that the poster had been completed and that the copy for the station had been delivered and was put up in the ticket office foyer the past weekend. Copies for the frames at Swan Bridge and Lower Street car park would go into production.	DH
14.	Gateway Signs	
	RP said that there will be a new set of signs once he has acquired a picture of the giant with a child.	RP
15.	Lower Street	
	DH said that he had been in discussion with Co-Op Funeralcare about putting up a sign to the car park on the wall of the Co-Op building. More anon. He said that there was a new ladies hairdresser in the small shop beside Boomerang barbers. Also Suters Butchers had been sold to Michael Courtney Butchers, a family firm trading in Midhurst. Leon Stillwell will be in charge for the time being and has said there will be no changes. EH said there is now a WhatsApp group for the Lower Street traders. There had been a spate of robberies with five premises hit in one night. EH said she and DH had cleared the steps from the Lower Street car park down to Barn House Lane. An approach had been made to HDC for financial help and Lynda Spain had said she would apply for a grant. Three volunteers had stepped forward to look after the Memorial Gardens and, once they have been repaired, the steps and surroundings.	EH
16.	Community Land Trust	
	RP reported that HDC were being unhelpful as they were not convinced there was a need in Pulborough. He said that Andy Tilbrook was collecting information to disprove their assertion. IH said that HDC chief Executive Glen Chipp was attending the PPC meeting on 20 Feb and he was looking for matters to raise with him in the form of advance questions. RP would follow this up.	RP
17.	Youth Centre	
	There is now a meeting of the Youth Club once a week attended by 20-30 people. DH would explore if there is a regular report now as he hasn't seen one.	DH
18.	Date of Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be on Monday 16 th March 2020 at 7.30 pm in the S&S Room.	ALL

David Hurst
14th January 2020