

# HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP TRUST LTD

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## Heathfield Partnership Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 at 6p.m. at The King's Church.

<b>Present:</b>	Colin Williams	-	Chairman & Trustee
	Margaret Hughes	-	Churches Together
	Cllr. Jean Holmwood	-	Parish Council
	Dr. Tim Williams	-	Neighbourhood Watch - Waldron
	Lyn Plant	-	
	John Tolley	-	Trustee
	Ruth Waller	-	Street Pastors
	Joanne Aldous	-	Town Co-ordinator
	Sheran Crichton	-	Minute taker

### 1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Tim Hough, Rosemary Mays-Smith, Cllr Rupert Simmons, Mike Hepworth and Richard Karn.

### 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2016:-

1. Once the following errors were corrected on the minutes:-

Agenda 4 Duke of Edinburgh Awards.....

Agenda 21(5) Maura Fanshawe is.....

Agenda 17 The public will be signposted to the Hub Centre at Uckfield. (Take out - *and given Joanna's email address*).

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.

### 3. Matters Arising:- (to save duplication, please consult the previous minutes if clarification is needed)

1. (3.2.) This has been actioned.
2. (6.4.) This has been actioned.
3. (12) This has been actioned.
4. (14.5) This is ongoing.
5. (15.5) Dr. Williams will send everything.
6. (21.3) There were articles on the Partnership and Chamber of Commerce.
7. (21.4) This has been actioned.

### 4. Sport & Leisure:-

#### *(a) Swimming Pool*

1. The following report from Richard Karn was read out:-

*'There is no change in the position with fund raising for the swimming pool although to note - since I am leaving work at the end of this week, I will be able to action a meeting to review the situation in May and will seek a date from involved members as soon as I am free of work commitments.'*

4. Sport & Leisure Cont'd):-

*(a) Swimming Pool*

*In case there is a "register of directors' interests" anywhere, I am resigning concurrently with my work as director of Visit Essex Limited and as a director of Thisisessex Limited which is a dormant company anyway. I am launching a new business - Fourscore Consulting Limited and will be listed as a director of that business from the 19 April 2016.'*

*(b) NCR Route*

1. There was no report.

5. Financial Report:-

1. The balance as at 31 March 2016 stands at £61,234.30.
2. £1000 has been received from WDC for expenses in running the Twitter and Facebook Accounts

6. IT Report/Website:-

1. A meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
2. The number of website hits has dropped from 6000 to 4500, there is no technical reason but investigations will be made to try and increase usage.
3. Jean mentioned that 'Heathfieldabout' is not receiving anything from Heathfield businesses. **Joanne will bring this to the attention of Trevor Goldsmith at the Chamber of Commerce open meeting on 10 May.....ACTION**

7. Farmers Market:-

1. There were 17 stallholders in February, 14 in March and 15 in April.
2. The community Chef will attend the market on the 18 June. The July market will have a children's theme.
3. A bid to WDC for administration costs was unsuccessful - now looking at ways of reducing costs.

8. Inward Investment:-

*(b) Incubator Units:-*

1. There is no further news, no suitable site has been found.

*(a) Broadband:-*

1. There have been some technical problems.

9. Transport:-

1. No trips have been undertaken since the last Executive meeting.

**10. LAT**

1. A meeting took place on 4 February.
2. There has been very little car crime, just two last month. Shed alarms are a high priority for crime prevention. Parking in the High Street will only be dealt with by the Police if seen and dangerous.
3. Camera 2 at Tesco's is still faulty and has been reported to the PC twice.
4. Allegedly a crime took place at Cross-in-Hand Rugby Club and CCTV was suggested, however the club is on private property.
5. Rupert reported on the Police Commission which has to try and identify the highest priority for the community. This has been identified as neighbourhood policing. There is a growing acknowledgement of IT crimes which need greater sophistication to be identified.
6. Rupert has been in correspondence with Robin Smith stressing the importance of this to the community of local policing and retaining the current team.
7. Regarding the prospect of decriminalising parking in Rother & Wealden, the following points were made:-
  - a) Car parking charges would be put in place.
  - b) A team of Traffic Wardens would be employed to ticket people.
  - c) Supermarkets would charge.
  - d) All staff in Heathfield shops would have to pay for parking, therefore an increase in wages would be requested,
  - e) Footfall would reduce and therefore business income would drop, which in turn would produce vacancies in the town.
  - f) Rupert will continue to advocate free parking, as it is Heathfield's best asset.
8. Unfortunately, due to financial restraints, Heathfield Police Station will be closing. Efforts are being made to try and find a room in the High Street to maintain a presence in Heathfield for paper work etc. Rupert confirmed that the camera equipment would still be guaranteed and will move with the personnel.
9. The next meeting takes place on 9 June.

**11. Street Pastors:**

1. The Chamber of Commerce named the Street Pastors as the charity of the year and awarded them £250 which will help with recruitment costs.
2. Three of the SP are training to be Response Pastors and their information will be added to a data base in London in case of a major incident.
3. The Youth Club is looking to run a 'drugs awareness' course for parents, in the area, in July.

**12. Churches Together:**

1. Plans to have a presence at the Heathfield Show are progressing. A tent has been booked and will provide children's activities and a space for a 'quite time out'.
2. Sing Evensong will take place at All Saints, Waldron on 15 May and AGM tomorrow.
3. The next Cafe Church will take place on 9 July at Costa Coffee Shop.

**13. Heathfield Works!:-**

1. The next cohort of 19 started on 4 April and finishes on 10 June.
2. Further liaison is taking place with further programmes in Uckfield and Crowborough.
3. The financial situation is stable until the financial year end however there will be a shortfall for 2016/17 financial year.

**14. U3A:-**

1. The French and Science groups are thriving. The AGM is taking place in June and Speakers have been lined up for the whole year. All U3A groups can be found on the website. However there has been a problem to find people to convene or set up interesting groups.

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**MINS26/04/16(4)**

### **15. Responders' Scheme:-**

1. Between 30 and 60 incidents took place in a month, mainly in Heathfield and Responders are looking to extend into Mayfield.
2. There is a golf day on 18 June at Horam Park Golf Club to raise funds.

### **16. Age concern:**

1. All is going well with a number of new drivers. Carol Hewart has taken over the car service.

### **17. Heathfield children's Centre:-**

1. There was no report.

### **18. Chamber of Commerce:-**

1. An Open meeting will be convened on 10 May at 6p.m at the King's Church, all business have been invited.
2. There will be a Golf Day on 9 June.
3. A Networking evening will take place on 6 July at 6p.m. at Cross-in-Hand.

### **19. AiRS:-**

1. There was no report.

### **19. Public Relations & Marketing:**

1. The book was available for perusal with articles on the Heathfield Works! and the Farmers' Market.

### **20. Any other business:-**

1. There is a meeting on 24 May at the Fire & Rescue Centre in Maresfield. Wealden Churches and Sussex Police in partnership are hosting the event. There will be various Speakers and Street Pastors will speak on anti-social behaviour.

### **21. Dates of the meetings for 2015:-**

1. The following date for the Tuesday meeting is as follows:-

**5 July            25 October**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.00p.m

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