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Minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday, 23rd March 2010 at 6.00p.m. at The King's Church.

<u>Present:</u>	Colin Williams	-	Chairman & Trustee
	John Tolley	-	Trustee
	Beata Drury	-	Heathfield Youth Centre/Senior Officer
	Sue Roach	-	IT/Website
	Doug Brunger	-	Churches Together
	Ruth Waller	-	Street Pastors
	Sgt. Ruth Hammerton	-	Heathfield Police
	PCSO Paula Mackie	-	Heathfield Police
	Joanne Aldous	-	Town Coordinator
	Sheran Crichton	-	Clerk

Guest: Rosey Eggar - Volunteer Fire Community Scheme

1. Apologies:

1. Were received from Cllr. Niki Oakes, Cllr. Angie Muddle and Cllr. Rupert Simmons

2. Minutes of the last meeting dated 19th January 2010:

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

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

- 3.9. Rupert has made contact and Jack Hampton will make contact with the Parish Council.
- 3.10. Joanne did forward the email address.
- 4.5. Both queries were not relevant, however John informed the meeting that the Board had requested a letter from the Co-op confirming their decision.
- 8.5. Developers are not using the driveway, however they had indicated that there was a public footpath which is incorrect. Sussex Police have now resurfaced their own car park. John confirmed that the land on which planning permission will be sought is approximately 10 acres and it has been indicated that the Developers intend to build 130 dwellings. However the land crosses the boundary of an area of outstanding beauty which could mean refusal of Planning Permission.
- 8.6. This is in hand and also included, where applicable, will be details of business' trade. Also in the future the Website and Information Boards will show this information.
- 14.1. Tomorrow's People -The meeting will now take place on 6th April and Rupert will report back at the next Partnership meeting.....REACTION**

4. Sport & Leisure:

Swimming Pool/Car Raffle:

1. The Car Raffle prize will be a Vauxhall Agile with the launch hopefully taking place on the 13th April. 10,000 tickets will have to be sold to cover costs. John pointed out that Lottery rules dictate that below 20,000 ticket a fairly cheap licence can be purchased from the Local Authority, however more than 20,000 and a licence would have to be obtained from the Gaming Board.
2. It is Rosemary's target to get the funds raised for the Planning Permission by the middle of October.

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3. This is still ongoing.

5. Financial Report:

1. The balance as at 17th March 2010 stands at £68,241.19.
2. Three local Parish Councils, Burwash, Warbleton and Horam, have each pledged £500 to the Swimming Pool project.

6. IT Report/Website:

1. £2000 has been granted from AIRS to help update the business section of the website. A telemarketing company will be used to contact all 400+ businesses to promote the business section of the website, encourage businesses to edit their own details and develop/link to Heathfield.net. John confirmed that the grant must be spent by the end of March which is why an outside company is being used.
2. The Safer Wealden Partnership did not contribute to funding the PiPs as reported in the local Papers. Joanne asked that she be informed of any events coming up so the information can be put on Heathfield.net.
3. **PiPs** – The Wifi trial at Wessons has not been very successful and ESCC are investigating the problem and will have to decide whether to lift restrictions but advertise and make it clear that they are not liable for what the public view.

7 Farmers' Market:

1. Although all markets are quiet at the moment, Heathfield is progressing well with 22 stalls in February. The generator recently failed but has been successfully repaired.
2. At the beginning of the month, Cathy Fordham – Rural Development Programming England Project Officer – led a very useful meeting for representatives of all markets in Wealden. A talk on food safety was given by Martin Padfield, Senior Environmental Health Officer. There was a discussion session where ideas were shared and it is hoped to meet every 6 months.

8. Inward Investment:

1. The committee last met on 21st January at which outstanding matters were reviewed, such as the promotion of the website, the Shoppers Guide, Christmas Lights and Festival in June. Also the possible resurgence of car parking charges by WDC.

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2. A Sponsor has been found for the fourth Information Board which is due to be installed on the side of the Tesco Express. The committee are in discussions with WDC regarding another Information Board to the entrance of the Cuckoo Trail.
3. The committee are working with EDEAL regarding the development of small business units behind The Crown Pub.
4. The Local Development Framework is due to be issued in the spring.

9. High Street:

1. The project is on target to finish by the end of this financial year, although some time was lost due to bad weather conditions.

10. Transport:

1. The Junior Club are going on an annual bowling trip by coach. The swimming trips are still taking place.
2. School Plus, a transition project where Year 6 pupils from several Primary Schools are bussed to HCC, is hoped to start after the Easter holiday.
3. Age Concern is in need of drivers and help with administration.

11. LAT (Local Action Team):

1. Sgt. Ruth Hammerton explained that the LAT is organised by the Police to help pick up on local problems. Heathfield have a very good and active team who were instrumental in making sure the CCTV project was successful which should be up and running before the end of the financial year. The monitoring centre will be at Eastbourne.

Street Pastors

2. Ruth Waller expressed tanks to the Chamber of Commerce who donated £150 to the Street Pastors.
3. As Street Pastors has been running for two years, the volunteers are due to be retrained and it is hoped that new volunteers will be encouraged.
4. **Crowborough would like to start up a scheme and Ruth Waller will get in touch.....ACTION**

12. Seminars/Guest Speaker:

1. Rosey Eggar confirmed that the first group of Community volunteers have been CRB checked and started training. They will be receiving their uniform shortly and their first event will be the Farmers' Market in April where they will be joined by some of the Heathfield Fire crew. The volunteers will also be at various events throughout the year.
2. More volunteers are being recruited (minimum age being 16) and one of the aims of the scheme is to encourage members of the public, who have not had a home safety visit recently, to book one. Also encourage regular testing of fire alarms as up to 30% of fitted alarms do not work.
3. From 1st April, a part-time Volunteer Support officer has been appointed by WDC. The position involves acting in an outreach capacity working with voluntary organisations to help them increase/improve their number of volunteers. Rosey Eggar will pass on the Age Concern needs to the Officer.

13. Public Relations & Marketing

1. Joanne attended a Voluntary Action seminar and promoted Heathfield.net.
2. John attended a one day SEEDA conference in Dorking on 11th March. Representatives from other towns attended and spoke about their projects.

14. Any other business

1. Sgt. Ruth Hammerton reported that PC Cathy Codling is to become Wealden's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. It is hoped that a new officer, to replace Cathy, will be introduced to the Parish Council Assembly on 13th April.

13. Dates of the next meeting

1. The dates of the next meetings will take place at The King's Church at 6.00p.m. and are on Tuesdays:-

25th May 2010
20th July 2010
21st September 2010

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55p.m..