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20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP TRUST LIMITED
Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 6.00pm
Held via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Rupert Simmons	-	Chairman/Trustee, Heathfield Partnership
Tim Hough	-	Treasurer/Trustee, Heathfield Partnership
Peter Bailey	-	Company Secretary/Trustee, Heathfield Partnership
Alan Staples	-	Accountants – Manningtons
Cllr Patrick Coffey	-	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council
Richard Ridley	-	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councillor
Cllr Bob Bowdler	-	County Councillor & HPT Board member
Paula Gear	-	HPT board member
John Tolley	-	Member of the public
Gill Snook	-	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councillor
David Whitehouse	-	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councillor
John Rivers	-	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councillor
Brian Arnott	-	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councillor
John Abbot	-	Heathfield Chamber of Commerce
John Kay	-	Heathfield Chamber of Commerce
Joanne Aldous	-	Member of the public
Lisa Crozier	-	Minute Taker

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Nick Bennett	-	County Councillor
Sally Frost	-	Director NFF – Wealden Works Board member
Huw Merriman	-	Local MP
Cllr Chris Dowling	-	County Councillor
Nusrat Ghani	-	Local MP
Helen Johnson	-	HWPC Clerk
Lynne Fraser	-	Heathfield and Waldon Parish Councillor
Richard Williams	-	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councillor
Julian Wates	-	Chamber of Commerce

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 12th October 2021

PC proposed, and RR seconded that the minutes be duly accepted and signed as a true record of the previous AGM.

3. .HPT 2020-2021 Accounts

AS commented that pages 10&21 were a summary of the years transactions. Page 21 shows how the funding has changed due to WW becoming a CIO also shows restricted funds.

As Thanked TH for his help with the work he does throughout the year
AS was thanked for his helped.

The accounts were formally approved, PC proposed and GS seconded.

4. Questions on the Chairman's Report of the Year:

The chairman took questions on his report

1, GS asked a question – the report says the Youth Council has been appointed, is it up and running yet?

The Youth Council members have been appointed but have not yet met the committee members. A meeting date is being arranged. We have new members that have joined the youth committee and have given many valuable ideas.

2, PC stated the commitment the Parish Council's commitment to the youth in Heathfield town. The Wealden Local Plan was meant to be released by the Spring of this year, it was delayed as hoping for a change of mind from the Government about housing. The report is now due out by Christmas or just after.

PC mentioned the proposal for 500 houses at the Theobalds Green area. At the moment this is purely a pre screening application.

The application for 23 houses at the Cart Barn will be rejected due to lots of issues including drainage, sewage problems, difficulty with traffic to name a few.

PB added that this was a revision of planning.

5. Appointment of Accountants:

PB thanked AS of Mannington's for his services for the years gone by and would like to re appoint Mannington's. Mannington's confirmed they are happy, this was proposed by PB and second by TH. Mannington's have expressed their willingness to take up the appointment.

6. Under Articles 34 and 35, 2 members of the Board, Peter Bailey and Tim Hough retire by rotation. Both are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

Under Articles 34 and 35, two members of the Board, Tim Hough and Peter Bailey retire by rotation, both have offered themselves for re-election. Motions for their re-election were put to the meeting. Rupert Simmons proposed, and Richard Ridley seconded

7. Questions to the Board:

PB the HPT secretary was not in receipt of any written questions.

GS – What is the partnerships vision for the youth?

RS Replied, to stimulate and help with the operations with the Youth centre staff to put on events of interest to the young people, The intention is that the Youth Council operates as a consultive committee, offering opinions on the most popular activities.

– How do you see the Parish Council fitting in with your vision?

RS replied, Parish Counsellors are now a part of the Youth Committee, so will be an incorporated part of the operation. The Youth Council will be encouraged to submit grants applications for the youth centre.

GS stated that the Parish Council have spoken with Colin Edgely to fund an extra session in January and with the possibility of funding another extra session later in the year.

GS – What has the Partnership achieved since the last AGM for the youth?

RS replied, The set up of the operation which is now taking place is an achievement in itself for the last 12 months, with activities and trips out of the town taking place soon.

DW - Due to the lack of staff, this has stopped some work being done. Colin is willing to train volunteers and put them through their DBS in the hope this will help to staff additions sessions. Is te partnership supportive of this help?

RS replied, Absolutely.

RR – Asked when is that date for the next meeting?

VB replied, LT has put this on hold for now due to internal changes taking place and wanted the meeting to take place one these changes have happened.

GS stated that she is very frustrated about nothing happening and the meeting date not being confirmed. The Partnership does not seem very forthcoming either.

VB explained that it was not the partnership that were holding this meeting up, there has been numerous emails and conversations with LT and SN to try and get this meeting booked in and the partnership was just as frustrated.

BB agreed to meet with GS and DW to hear their concerns.

TH – Why is it taking so long to arrange a date for the meeting.

LC replied and reiterated what had been said earlier, that LT wanted to postpone the meeting until some internal changes had been made.

8. AOB

PC wanted to thank the Partnership for all they do and looked forward to another fruitful year.

The meeting closed at 18.56