



Meeting of the Management Committee at Garden Cottage, Croft Road  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## Minutes

### Attendance

Dick Edwards, Ann Novotny, Jill Bradley (JMB), Hazel Lloyd, Cllr. Dany Louise, Mary Phillips, Richard Platt, Shirley Hawley, James Bacon, John Reynolds. Apologies from Phil White, Vivien Harrison.

### Minutes of 9/4/19

Passed as a true and accurate record

Draft Minutes for AGM have already been circulated. They were also approved as accurate.

### Matters arising not listed below

1. **Wall light for Starrs Cottages** still not repaired. DL will chase
2. **Solar PV in Country Park:** DE has been approached by representatives of Friends of Hastings Country Park and they will attend next HOTRA meeting
3. **Railings painting** over all of Old Town: volunteers will paint railings and hopefully ESCC will provide materials. JB will chase.

### Reports

Secretary RP including website — nothing new to report

Treasurer PW was not present to report

### Chairman's Report

Year's work plan – topics to be considered as priorities are

1. **Isabel Blackman Centre** – working group met on 13/5 and are still optimistic. Six month moratorium commences when IBC is first marketed, and will last five years. Business Plan – will be the main agenda item 14/6. DE has submitted a FoI request for information about the history of the IBC. He has already uncovered transactions from the 1960s about the rebuilding of IBC and its financing by ESCC
2. **Old Town surgery** – September completion for the Ice House surgery is expected. JB reported that there has been no further progress on the improvements to Rock a Nore Road and the provision of parking spaces. DE suggested that the Motor Boat and Yacht Club might share parking, and will contact them. Craig Namvar has asked for consultations to check that provision at the surgery still matches what the community requires.
3. **HBC – new Refuse contract** – DE said he thought it was a positive change that was well overdue, but asked JB and DL a] What can residents expect? How will faults be resolved? c] what budget controls will be imposed? JB briefly explained the new services. JR outlined feedback from tourists and visitors who had complained about the condition of dustbins and streets. DL said that the aim is to change the unresponsive culture that prevailed under the previous contract. There was a heated discussion with some angry contributions.
4. **Rocklands caravan site** DE said that Friends of Ecclesbourne Glen had been refused an FoI request and that this was overturned by the Information Commissioners. The Right of Way is still closed. DE asked how DL and JB HBC, as landlord for Rocklands, is dealing with this issue but received no substantive reply.
5. **East Sussex Fire & Rescue** – small fire appliances are still not available in East Sussex. DE has been pressing ESCC councillors for action, but without result. The fire authority has suggested a meeting with residents, probably early autumn. There was support for this idea.

## Planning Matters

### JR reported

1. **Ye Old Pump House and Anchor:** illuminated signs have been tidied up and illumination has been improved. Generally better and enhances area.
2. **Illuminated bus shelter ads** in Bourne. There is a proposal to instal animated signs. The brightness will be limited and the content will be vetted.
3. **No 3 Croft Rd.** Planning application to convert to holiday flats has been passed. Premises in derelict condition. Neighbours are very distressed.
4. **Parking review** – suggested changes –
  - a. All Saints St. - 2 loading bays opposite Stag. DE suggested HOTRA opposes
  - b. High St – opposite 2 Bulls – ban on all parking: will be an improvement
  - c. Albion loading ban on island and rearranged disabled provision outside H&St L Angling Club. HOTRA support.
5. **HBC Enforcement.** (Contractors who manage parking enforcement). DE has received complaints from tradesmen about parking wardens favouring signwritten vans over plain white vans

## Members Concerns

**JMB:** Jack in the Green: VE Day change necessitates moving JitG to Sunday; asked about destination of recycling in Hastings. DL said she will try and find out. DE criticised lack of refrigerant recycling provision.

**MP:** reported that vandalism to the West Hill Community Centre is now being repaired.

**DE:** reported unjustified complaint about plant containers on All Saint's Street

## Future Programme

Committee 9/7 @ Jill's; 13/8 if needed; 10/9 @ Jill's

MP gave her apologies for the next meeting, which she will not be able to attend.