

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON
22nd JUNE 2006 AT 7.30 p.m. AT HARTLEY LIBRARY, ASH ROAD**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Burns
Cllr Mr M Harris (*arrived at 7.45 p.m.*)
Cllr Mr V Sewell (Chairman)
Cllr Mr A Tremain

In attendance: Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mr J Gaywood.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 11th May 2006 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Sevenoaks District Council

It was reported that Sophie Lord, Project Youth Officer at Sevenoaks District Council would be willing to meet with the Committee.

RESOLVED: That, Sophie Lord, Project Youth Officer at Sevenoaks District Council be invited to attend the next Committee meeting.

5. Youth Worker's Report

The Committee considered an e mail dated 15th May 2006 from the Youth Worker reporting on recent youth work undertaken in Hartley. The Committee was particularly pleased to note that Charlton Athletic Football Club was delivering football skills at Woodlands Avenue recreation on a Wednesday evening. The Youth Worker had also reported that 10 young men had expressed an interest in undertaking Motor Cross training at Dover at a cost of £45 each and that during the May half term a group from Hartley had been taken on a fishing trip. The Committee congratulated Glen Walsh, the Youth Worker on passing his mini bus test.

RESOLVED: That, the Youth Worker's report be noted.

Cllr Mr Harris arrived at the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

6. Young People's Action Plan 2006

The Committee examined Sevenoaks District Council's Young People's Action Plan 2006 contained in two documents entitled "what it's all about ..." and "what we are going to do..."

The Committee questioned some of the findings in the Action Plan, particularly those relating to the most popular leisure facilities that young people would like to see in their town or village. A survey undertaken by the Parish Council found that Hartley young people wanted a bmx track and a swimming pool, neither of which appeared in the District Council's Action Plan.

RESOLVED: That, further consideration of the Young People's Action Plan 2006 be deferred pending further discussions with the Project Youth Officer from Sevenoaks District Council.

7. Youth Zone Summer Programme 2006

The Committee examined the “Wotz on Summer 2006” programme for young people aged 11-18. The Committee agreed the programme offered activities which would be of interest to young people, but was disappointed that more activities were not available locally. The Committee questioned the means of distributing the programme to young people in Hartley.

RESOLVED: That,

- (1) further copies of the programme be obtained from the Kent Youth Services and distributed to the local scout group, church youth clubs, local shops and Hartley Post Office and,
- (2) notices advertising the programme be placed on the Parish Council’s notice boards.

8. West Kent 8-12 Project

The Committee considered an e mail dated 1st June 2006 from West Kent Xtra explaining that it was concentrating its efforts on delivering a new 8-12 project in Sevenoaks, but would continue to explore suitable venues for the delivery of an 8-12 project in Hartley. One possible venue was Hartley Primary School and the Committee hoped that with the arrival of the new Headteacher in September, this project could be progressed.

The Committee was disappointed with the decision taken by Our Lady of Hartley RCP School not to allow the use of its school hall for the project, which was considered by the Headteacher as being too small and not suitable.

RESOLVED: That,

- (1) the e mail dated 1st June 2006 from West Kent Xtra be noted and,
- (2) the matter be discussed further with the Project Youth Officer from Sevenoaks District Council.

9. Skateboard Park

It was reported that no progress had been made in obtaining costings for a skateboard park at the Woodland Avenue recreation ground.

RESOLVED: That, the report be noted.

10. Future meetings

The Committee considered a suggestion to arrange a meeting with the Hartley young people at the Woodlands Avenue recreation ground to seek their views on how the Parish Council may be able to help them.

RESOLVED: That, a meeting be arranged through the HAWK Youth Worker with the Hartley youth at the youth shelter in Woodland Avenue recreation ground.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th September 2006 at 8.00 p.m. at Hartley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

