

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON
21st FEBRUARY 2007 AT 8.00 p.m. AT HARTLEY LIBRARY, ASH ROAD**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Burns
Cllr Mr J Gaywood
Cllr Mr V Sewell (Chairman)
Cllr Mr A Tremain

In attendance: Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)
Mr G Walsh (HAWK Youth Worker)
Ms K Craig (Part time Youth Worker)
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mr M Harris.

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 17th January 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Financial Report

The Committee examined the financial report indicating the net position of the youth budget as at 13th February 2007 and noted that the payment for the youth trips to Thorpe Park and Edenbridge Leisure Centre had been accounted for within the report. It was confirmed that the snowboarding project had been agreed at the last committee meeting and the cost of delivering the project would be met from the current budget.

RESOLVED: That, the financial report, as set in appendix 1 attached to these minutes, be noted.

5. Skateboard Park

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Sally Ratchford of Sevenoaks District Council held on 19th February 2007 at which she explained that she examined the Parish Council's application for funding a skateboard park at Woodland Avenue with the Big Lottery Fund. She had suggested a number of minor amendments to the application which had been completed and returned to the District Council for submission to the Big Lottery in March 2007. A copy of the amended application was tabled at the meeting for members' information.

It was reported that Hartley Parish Council's project was one of eight other youth projects that had been included in the District Council's portfolio for submission to the Big Lottery and that the outcome of the bid would be known in July 2007. If the submission was not successful, Sally Ratchford had explained that the District Council would have the opportunity to address any issues raised by the Big Lottery with its March submission and resubmit its bid for determination in December 2007. This would however be the final opportunity to seek funding through this stream of funding.

The Committee briefly considered the bid submitted to the District Council by the New Ash Green Village Association for a BMX track and was updated on the current position with the skateboard project being facilitated by Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council. The Committee

briefly considered the merits of a joint skateboard project with Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council but agreed that the best location for a skateboard facility within the parish was at the Woodland Avenue recreation ground as it was a more central location for the Hartley youth. If however following consultation with residents the proposed location proved to be unpopular, the Committee may wish to reconsider the location of the facility.

The Committee felt that it would be important for the success of the project to ensure the young people took ownership of the facility and this could be encouraged by providing coaching sessions and getting the young people involved with repainting the facility which would be required from time to time.

The Committee considered a draft consultation letter to be sent residents and after some discussion felt that the consultation letter should be sent to every household in the parish through either the Village Advertiser or the Town and Country Post. The Committee felt the printing of the document could be undertaken in the Parish Office. It was suggested that the boxes used by the Parish Plan Steering Committee could be placed in Costcutter and the Post Office to encourage residents to respond.

RESOLVED: That,

(1) the draft consultation letter to residents, as considered by the committee at the meeting, be circulated to Members of the Council for comment,

(2) enquires be made with the Parish Plan Steering Committee to establish whether it would be possible to use its collection boxes for the return of responses to the consultation letter and subject to their availability, enquiries be made with Costcutter and the Post Office to ask whether they would be willing to accommodate the response boxes in their shops and,

(3) arrangements be made for the printing of the consultation letter to be undertaken in the Parish Office and a sum of £150 be authorised for the distribution of the consultation letter to every household in the parish by which every means was deemed most expedient.

6. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th April 2007 at 8.00 p.m. at Hartley Library.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Hartley Parish Council
Summary of Receipts and Payments
Cost Centre 9 Youth Services

	Receipts		Payments		Net Position
HAWK			1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
Misc expenses			1,450.00	308.75	1,141.25
Grants			0.00	0.00	0.00
8-12 Project			1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Net total	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	1,658.75	2,341.25
VAT		0.00		10.50	
Gross Total		0.00		1,669.25	