

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON
4th JUNE 2007 AT 7.30 p.m. AT PAVILION, MANOR FIELD**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Burns
Cllr Mr J Gaywood
Cllr Mr M Harris
Cllr Mr B Ramsay
Cllr Mr V Sewell (Chairman)

In attendance: Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)
Mr G Walsh (HAWK Youth Worker)
28 members of the public

Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

1. Election of Chairman of the Youth Committee

RESOLVED: That, Cllr Mr V Sewell be elected Chairman of the Youth Committee until the Annual meeting of the Council in May 2008.

2. Election of the Vice Chairman of the Youth Committee

RESOLVED: That, Cllr Mrs J Burns be elected Vice Chairman of the Youth Committee until the Annual meeting of the Council in May 2008.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 21st February 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Terms of Reference

The Committee was satisfied that it could within the terms of reference approved by the Council at its Annual meeting held on 14th May 2007.

RESOLVED: That the terms of reference, attached as appendix 1 to these minutes, be noted.

6. Financial Report

The Committee examined the financial report indicating the net position of the youth budget as at 29th May 2007.

RESOLVED: That, the financial report, attached as appendix 2 to these minutes, be noted.

7. Skateboard Facility

The Committee considered at length an analysis of the responses received in respect of the consultation document seeking the views of residents on a proposal to provide a skateboard/bmx facility at the Woodland Avenue recreation ground.

A motion proposed by Cllr Harris to progress the provision of a skateboard facility at the recreation ground at Woodland Avenue on the basis that it would not be the preferred location for the siting of the facility was withdrawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.05 p.m. to allow members of the public to ask questions.

The meeting resumed at 8.15 p.m.

RECOMMENDED: That,

(1) the Council abandon its plans to site a skateboard facility at the Woodland Avenue recreation ground and,

(2) the Council investigate alternative sites for the provision of a skateboard facility.

8. Youth worker's report

Mr G Walsh reported that he attended a monthly Youth Forum organised by Keith Rowell, Community Worker at West Kent Housing Association. The Youth Forum had met on three occasions and he informed the Committee that the young people who attended the forum were keen to work with the community. They were currently investigating the possibility of carrying out a sponsored car wash and donating any funds raised to a charity. It was suggested that the young people may wish to wash cars at the forthcoming Arthritis Jazz Party at Manor Field scheduled to take place on 24th June 2007.

Mr Walsh reported on the progress of the snowboarding project which had been supported by the Parish Council. He explained that the young people were 9 weeks into the 20 week snow boarding course and, on completion, would lead towards a Duke of Edinburgh award. He was also investigating the possibility of taking the young people on an overseas trip, so they could utilise their new skills on actual snow. Furthermore he reported that funding had been secured for a further snow boarding project, but this would involve young people from both New Ash Green and Hartley.

Mr Walsh explained that the young people had asked for activities and trips to be organised outside the parish and listed a number of projects that he was investigating, such as a trip to Thorpe Park for the Fright Night.

Mr Walsh reported that he would be involved in the Summer programme and planned to organise a paintballing excursion through HAWK. He also hoped to organise a weekend residential in October 2007 and would be taking three young people from the HAWK area.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Youth Committee, make arrangements through the Youth Worker to provide an excursion for Hartley young people and that a sum upto £200 be made available to facilitate this excursion.

9. In the Zone Summer Programme 2007

The Committee considered a letter dated 13th April 2007 from Sophie Lord, Youth Development Co-ordinator at Sevenoaks District Council, advising that the Youth Zone intended to visit the Woodland Avenue recreation ground on Tuesday 7th August 2007. It was reported that the acceptance slip had been returned to the District Council and that a portable toilet had been ordered at a cost of £60.00 plus VAT. The Committee noted that the District Council required access to drinking water and that the Clerk had enquired whether the provision of bottled water would be acceptable.

RESOLVED: That, (1) the visit from the District Council's Youth Zone on 7th August 2007 at Woodland Avenue recreation ground be accepted and arrangements be made for the provision of a portable toilet and bottled water for use by the staff on the day, (2) enquiries be made with the local Scout Group over the use of the Scout's marquee at Woodland Avenue on the day of visit from the Youth Zone and (3) enquiries be made with Sevenoaks District Council to establish what activities would be provided by the Youth Zone at Woodland Avenue.

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 23rd June 2007 at 7.30 p.m. at Hartley Library.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.05 p.m.

Mrs Darbon asked whether the Committee had considered the safety of children accessing Woodland Avenue, with particular reference to speeding cars and smashed glass in the paly area.

Mr Fowler stated that road humps could not be installed on Woodland Avenue as it was a bus route.

Mr Meddings felt there was insufficient room at Woodland Avenue to provide a skateboard facility and asked whether the Committee had consulted the guidelines issued by RoSPA. He also referred to a number of other publications providing guidance and advice on the provision of skateboard facilities.

Mr Dight asked which Committee was responsible for issues surrounding the parking problems opposite the recycling centre.

Mrs Sheckles referred to instances where she had cleared up broken glass, needles and condoms from the recreation ground. It was confirmed that the contractor employed to litter pick the area had never found needles or condoms in the recreation ground.

Mrs McMahon explained that she had lived in Woodland Avenue before the recreation ground was built. She favoured refurbishment of the play area.

The meeting resumed at 8.15 p.m.

Youth Committee
Terms of Reference

1. To work on behalf of all of the youth of Hartley to assist them in taking a full and active roll in the life of the village.
2. To liaise with any organisation involved with youth work and act to assist them.
3. To enlist any organisation involved with youth work and young people to work with the Council to achieve the above aims.
4. To co-opt persons who have a particular interest in the well being of young persons or have a special knowledge or expertise where appropriate.

Delegated Powers

To authorise expenditure on those matters that fall within the responsibility of the Committee up to the sums contained in the annual budget approved by the Council, provided that any new schemes shall be subject to prior approval, in principle, by the Council.

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

	Receipts		Payments		Net Position
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Underspend (+)/overspend(-)
HAWK			1,350.00	-	1,350.00
Misc expenses			750.00	1,629.00 *	(471.00)
Net total	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	1,629.00	
VAT		0.00			
Gross Total		0.00		1	

Notes

* £1,606 for the snowboarding project credited to last years account (2006/07)

£1,602.65 held in the Youth earmarked reserve.