



Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Hadlow Down Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7.00pm on Tuesday April 15th 2014
*Note – this is a draft copy to be agreed and amended
at the next Annual Assembly*

Present: Cllrs Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Graham Terry (GT), Clare Emsden (CR) Damon Wellman (DW), Nathan James (NJ) and Michael Lunn (ML)

In attendance: Cllr Roy Galley (RG)(ESCC), Cllr Ken Ogden (KO)(WDC), Helen Simpson-Wells (Clerk) and members of the public.

Sandra Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Presentation: A presentation was given by Jozef Zelinko from the Wilderness Deer Group on deer management and the problems they cause. This was followed by a Questions and Answers session.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from villager Steve Godfrey.

3. The minutes of the 2013 Annual Assembly: the minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. ESCC and WDC Reports: Cllr. Roy Galley (ESCC) –

Much of what I get involved in as your local Councillor revolves around bread and butter issues such as potholes, speeding, bin collections and planning applications so I thought it was time after a year on the County Council to give you a more high level view of the work being done.

East Sussex County Council had 4 main objectives-

- **Driving Economic Growth**
- **Keeping Vulnerable people safe from harm**
- **Building Resilience for Families and Individuals to live independently**
- **Making the best use of resources**

The total revenue budget is £380 million and about 75% of this goes on Adult Social Care and Children's Services. Savings of £44m have been identified by 2016. Schools are now funded centrally and the County simply passes on the money directly to schools; they make the spending decisions.

In addition to this there is a large capital programme. £38m is being spent this year on the Hastings to Bexhill Link Road since that has been judged to be vital to improve the local economy especially in areas like Hastings where there is a lot of deprivation. There is also major investment in Newhaven particularly in making better access to the port.

However there is also other planned investment which also helps the rural area. Over the next 2 years £10 million will be spent on unclassified roads and a programme is currently being drawn up. This will cover 400 roads. Since January 15000 potholes have been repaired. Another £2 million is allocated for pothole repairs and the Government have given us another £2.6 million.

The roll out of Superfast Broadband is progressing ahead of schedule. In most town areas broadband is commercially viable but in the rural areas we need new investment and this is being provided by Government, County and BT. The aim is to have fast broadband available to 96% of households by 2016.

As for our social services, there has just been an OFSTED inspection of Children's services and the whole range of services has been graded as good whilst adoption services are outstanding. Many vulnerable people are now supported not by residential care but by direct payments and personal budgets. 74% of these groups receive help in this way. There is new urgency about providing help for dementia sufferers and a Memory Assessment Service has been set up for this purpose. We also work closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner. We are by comparison with other parts of the country a low crime area and in 2013 crime reduced again by 8.7%.

I hope you find this whistle stop tour useful.

Cllr. Ken Ogden (WDC) - Before.

1. before you start your day leave for work jump on a bus train car or plane you have a plan.
2. Wealden office seem at times to install programmes without much thought like removing the development boundary, great we thought but it means the opposite..
3. Before Wealden installed the 7 km. zone there was a 400 metre cats zone of no build and recently we have a written quote stating that its reason was to protect WDC from houses in the north and nothing to do with the birds. Are we still going to spend vast amounts of tax monies testing for nitrogen on the forest when all sensible residents knew it was a sham.
4. before we move on to the Core Plan being taken to Appeal Court, which is in the process now and down the line even further, with cost to our system that could touch millions remember it's our money
5. So before we drop too deep in, many Councillors will persevere to ask serious questions and endeavour to save the day. Do we need to employ a company to examine the nitrogen levels?
6. before it gets too embedded we need to be allowed to build houses for local residents if needed. At the moment we are not, despite what one might think.

Members of the public asked Cllr. Ogden questions about the Ashdown Forest 7km exclusion zone to which he responded. He also confirmed that he is on the WDC Scrutiny Committee.

5. Financial Report: The Clerk presented the attached report.

6. Reports from Representatives:

- a. Mayfield Charities: Fiona Bickerton gave an explanation of the Mayfield Trust and presented the following report - John

Logan, our long serving and hard working Chairman, has finally decided to give up the Chairmanship, but, we hope we have persuaded him to remain as a Trustee. Fortunately, another gentleman has joined the Trust and we have cajoled him into taking on the Chairmanship.

We have helped five people this year, including subsidising two children from the school to go to The Bowles Outdoor Activities Centre at Eridge.

Please refer anyone you may think could do with a little financial help from the Trust to me or the Clerk. Everything is in strict confidence

b. St Mark's School: Claire Rivers presented the following report:

General Introduction - St Mark's continues to flourish as a school and enjoys its place in the life of its village but also as part of a larger network of schools.

Pupil Progress and Interventions - Last year our Y6 pupils made 100% progress in reading, writing and maths and were above the national figures in all 3 areas. One pupil, due to an operation was unable to take the SATs tests last year and as that constituted 12.5% of the marks it is clear to see how the results of small cohorts can so easily be skewed. Unfortunately, the results when published do not give reasons for scores, such as, ill health or perhaps a child with a statement of SENs that has been unable to access the tests.

Safeguarding - The safeguarding and protection of pupils continues to be a high priority for us and it is vital that all staff are fully trained in these procedures, and that those who recruit staff have taken the 'Safer Recruitment' training.

E-Safety is now of major significance in the high tech world in which we live, as most children will access the internet from a young age and many use devices unsupervised. Therefore, we use CEOP clips to supplement our e-safety teaching, which is a key part of personal, social and emotional education. Children are very trusting and the online world, although so useful, can be a highly dangerous place. We run an e-safety evening for parents and carers.

Mini Education Show - So many parents/carers now work full time that it is not always easy to secure high attendance at events, however, we recently held a Mini Education Show, with the aim of including a great deal of information in one evening. There were 9 workshops on offer and participants selected 6 that they would like to attend between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. These ranged from governance of the school, including finance, new initiatives, such as, our Teaching School role and curriculum developments, such as , our innovative research project on spelling called 'Pens on Fire'. The feedback was 100% positive, and we have been asked to run the event again in the Autumn term. Any visitors would be welcome.

Teaching School Role/Alliance member - We were designated a Teaching School in May, 2013, the first in East Sussex and we have undertaken a range of exciting and worthwhile activities over the year. This role is about partnership working and this gives the school increased capacity in terms of finance, skill sharing and the opportunity to share what we have.

All initial teacher training is now to be school based, and we are able to appoint our own teacher trainees through 'School Direct', giving us the opportunity to be involved in the selection process.

We run leadership courses. Unfortunately, there has been a worrying lack of leaders for school with 23 HT vacancies in East Sussex, and we have been very successful in recruiting 19 candidates for our National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership course.

Our NQT programme again has attracted a large number of participants and they are being linked with Sussex University and can earn points toward a Master's Degree.

Our school-based educational research is going well and we are part of a huge research project being run by Oxford University called 'Test and Learn' that is looking at the impact of intervention programmes on learners that struggle.

We have set up joint training programmes for school governors and joint meetings about Ethos.

The TS brings in extra funding and we have the opportunity to apply for additional grants. So far our applications have been 100% successful and we are now a Hub for the Early Years, a specialist school for Computing and have been working on schemes for the new Primary National Curriculum which we post online for other schools to share.

Our Teaching School Alliance has raised the profile of the school and I was recently the only East Sussex representative at a meeting with Charlie Taylor head of the NCTL, where he sought our opinions on recent educational developments.

Various Grants - All schools have been given additional funding for PE following the Olympic Games and although we already provided a range of PE activities we now are able to:

- Fully fund swimming
- Buy some new PE equipment
- Set up additional networks for competition with High Hurstwood, Buxted, Bonners
- Provide additional clubs e.g. fencing, football

We already run Intrasport competitions at lunchtime and are part of the Village School Alliance Tournaments, and this is in addition to other PE clubs and class lessons.

Sound Architect Charity facilitated for us a Heritage Lottery project on Diana Rowden- WWII Woman Agent. This fantastic cross-curricular led us to visit the Special Forces Club in London was a very special occasion. We were delighted that Dawn, a Hadlow Down villager, donated Diana Rowden's Recipe Book to the SFC which delighted them. If any of you would like to view the very moving film that was made as part of the project do let us know and you can borrow a DVD.

Community Links - Are still very important to us and our part in the Variety Club performances, events, such as, the faster broadband launch and the support that is given from people such as Jo Dummer, for her tap club, and Eddie Westfield for DOITHD are highly valued.

Conclusion - What we lack in numbers we make up for in partnerships. Our networks of supporters both locally, and from a wider audience, continue to provide well for our school. St Mark's is in the business of anticipating future needs rather than waiting to see what will be done to us and as someone said to us 'You have to be in it, to win it'. The scope that we are now being given in education has not left us worried but instead we are enjoying the freedom it allows for us to be innovative and creative.

7. Reports from Councillors:

a. Wealden District Association of Local Councils and Highways Community Self Serve – Cllr. Michael Lunn.

Wealden District Association of Local Councils:

- Where all local Town and Parish Councils come together to discuss common issues to be presented to the Leader of the District Council.
- This year topics have included:
- The long term impact of 7km Ashdown Forest Development boundary on villages, village halls, and local business. Discussion also on the judicial review which has now been taken to appeal.
- Social and emergency housing.
- Waste and recycling services (Kier contract)
- Flooding
- Pot holes
- Speeding vehicles
- Rural crime
- ESCC Highways Community Self Serve.

ESCC Highways Community Self Serve:

- Due to budget constraints Village Maintenance teams have been scrapped without warning, but the Parish Council got works done down Tinkers Lane.
- East Sussex Highways is looking to change the way that local services are delivered within the Community.
- 4 Products under development by ESCC Highways.
- **Community Essentials** - ESCC help and support local communities organise and carry out basic functions.
- **Community Match** - Each Community has different priorities. ESCC will match local investment for successful applications. Limited budget and 50/50 split.
- **Pay-As-You-Go Extras** - Parish Council can agree to buy additional products or services from ESCC Highways. This would push the precept up for residents.
- **Local Delivery Company** - The community or Parish forms its own Company providing a sustainable locally focussed service.

The Parish Council has agreed to enter into discussions regarding this scheme, and have budgeted £1500 for 2014/15 for essential works which would have traditionally been done by the Village Maintenance Teams.

A member of the public commented on the Parish Council having to pay for work previously done by ESCC.

b. Burial Ground, Village Hall, New Community Centre and Newsletter – Cllr. Graham Terry.

Playing Field Committee - During the year Nathan took over responsibility for the Playing Field from me so it is his report you receive in future.

Village Hall Management Committee - Last year I pleaded here for help on the Committee as Lisa Scott needed to stand down. The very good news is that we have a new Treasurer, Mike Garner and a new Booking Clerk, Beatrice Felicite. Mike has already done some sterling work looking at where our income comes from in terms of Hall usage and also other income, and we have also increased our electricity charges so that our costs are now covered. Beatrice has been handling the bookings very capably and we are very grateful to both Mike and Beatrice for joining the Committee. I'm afraid that the users are concerned at the much increased electricity cost but we must make sure that we recover our costs. Overall, hiring the Hall is a very reasonable cost and compares well with other local Halls.

A major expense this year has been the new chairs but a Grant was obtained for these with some left over which will be used towards the complete refurbishment of the toilets. In addition, the electricity supply to the Hall is now underground taking advantage of the underground pipe laid when the Hut Lane drainage was renewed earlier in the year. This makes the supply considerably safer.

The TN22 club has gone from strength to strength over the last 12 months and there is now a TN22plus club for those who need more support.

I must give our thanks to the Committee, particularly Janet Tourell, who work extremely hard to keep the facility going and spend a lot of their own time cleaning, applying for grants, running fund-raising events etc and without them the facility would become unusable.

The Burial Ground - Like the rest of the country the burial ground had its fair share of weather, two trees falling down with one of them across the tree we planted for the Jubilee. Thanks to Damon and his chainsaw the fallen trees were removed and no permanent damage occurred. It is such a pleasant place, my wife and I have booked our spot there already!

New Community Centre Committee - With the issues about the 7km zone, a new approach had to be found to take the project forward. What we need to do is taking longer but will achieve the result we want in the long run. We have applied to Wealden for Permitted Development Rights to extend the existing Hall and Pavilion to the maximum sizes allowed by law. Once these PDRs are confirmed, we can then base the new building plans on those increased sizes and this approach means that even with the 7km limit we can still get a larger facility. We are currently waiting for Wealden's response. Apart from that a lot is happening. The Committee have started a lottery club to raise funds and an application has been made to the Charities Commission for Charitable Incorporated Organisation status which will help greatly in fund raising. They are also raising funds by holding events - the latest being the Bollywood evening and the Swiss evening. More are planned, including Scottish Dancing. Finally, 2 Newsletters have been issued telling everyone in the Village what the Committee are doing and how the project is progressing.

Newsletter - The Council was concerned that we were not telling people what was happening and what we were doing and we started the Newsletter last year and followed that with an Annual Report. We intend to keep these publications going whenever we have news that we want you to know about. The next will be this year's annual report based on tonight's meeting. We welcome any thoughts on these publications.

c. Youth, Emergency Planning and Playing Field – Cllr. Nathan James

Emergency Plan: The Emergency Plan committee has had 2 meetings after reforming, and are looking into changing the

Emergency Plan and the way the committee respond to emergencies . A new leaflet is to be sent out to all residents containing useful information. The committee are also looking in to attending a first aid course.

Playing Field : The Playing Field committee has been working very hard over the last year on not only a great new event, The Hadlow Down bonfire night but also on maintaining and improving the playing field. The Parish Council have been helping the Playing Field committee on their funding applications to help with the drainage and a new path has been created linking the Pavilion and the hardstanding area.

Youth: I have been working closely with the Playing Field committee over the last year on trying to get the youth of Hadlow Down to use the Playing Field more. (but unfortunately the weather has not helped).

d. Neighbourhood Watch and Planning – Cllr. Damon Wellman

Neighbourhood Watch and Crime: The Hadlow Down online website is a registered neighbourhood watch co-ordinator and does a fantastic job of keeping the public informed of any reported incidents in and around Hadlow Down. Statistically Hadlow Down has one of the lowest reported crime rates both nationally and within Wealden, but that does not make it any more comfortable for the few residents that are unlucky enough to be the victims, so we must not take our eye of the ball for a second, continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles.

The two most common criminal activities in our area are still outbuilding and shed thefts and, heating oils thefts and there are various items on the market that you can buy to help prevent these.

Distraction techniques for burglaries have also been reported in Wealden, this is where somebody may call at your front door on a false enquiry, maybe hedge cutting or rubbish collection, whilst another criminal colleague is stealing things from your shed or worse still, has entered through an unsecured back door or window & is stealing items from your house. Keeping things secure and being very vigilant goes a very long way to avoid being a victim of these crimes. Always report any suspicious activity.

Planning: Having only recently taken over the planning role for the Parish Council, it is a steep learning curve but I am enjoying the challenge.

Planning has seen some very substantial changes over the last couple of years, with the relaxation of rules on extensions & permitted development rights at a residential level, to use changes and conversions for commercial premises. There is also further substantial changes due to be announced this year.

Of course the other piece of planning legislation that has divided many opinions over the last couple of years, including within our own PC, was the introduction of the Ashdown Forest 7km zone.

Although this has been within Wealden policy for some time, a group of landowners and developers decided to challenge this policy at the high court, this hearing came to its final conclusion as recently as 8 weeks ago and I am very pleased to say, Wealden won, meaning that for the time being at least, the 7km zone policy stays.

This means that it will be harder for the 'concrete jungle' supporters to overdevelop our countryside further and should allow some green space to remain before South London & Brighton join together! It is all about balance.

The Parish Council continues to work closely with Wealden but, unfortunately we don't always get what we want, and we are all, including Wealden, guided and limited by National planning policy.

A member of the public asked about Neighbourhood Watch. It was highlighted that the PCSO could mark items for residents. Eddie Westfield, editor of the village website, advised that Neighbourhood Watch notices are put on the news panel on the website and that anyone registered with the website will receive an email regarding any important issues.

e. Highways, Strengthening Local Relationships meetings, Footways and Bridleways – Cllr. Clare Emsden

Highways - Potholes and Gullies - The two are very much linked. ESCC has again been inundated with repair work. Please continue to report potholes and blocked gullies to Highways and also to Helen. Location and an estimation of the depth of the pothole will help in a more rapid response to getting repairs done. We will continue to press for the programme of gully clearance to be carried out more efficiently and in a timely manner.

Wilderness Lane - Despite the initial repair work not being satisfactory it is hoped the remedial work has improved the situation.

Hastingford Lane - Temporary repairs are to be followed by complete resurfacing by the end of May.

Meeting with the Head of Highways, Roger Williams - This took place on 12 February and covered a number of points raised by parishioners. A full account can be found in the March issue of the Parish Magazine.

Meeting with Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner - This took place on 22 January in Lewes. It was organised by Roy Galley and brought together a number of neighbouring Parish Councils to discuss common issues. Amongst items I raised, as requested by the Parish Council, was speeding motorcycles on the A272, particularly on Sunday mornings in the Spring and Summer months. We were assured by the PCC, under Operation Ride, the police are using a targeted response to this issue and would continue to do so.

Strengthening Local Relationship Meetings - We have had two meetings since the last Parish Assembly. Now the Highways Steward has been in post for several months we are getting dates for work to be carried out by. Our Chairman is insistent on "key dates" and this helps to make these meetings more productive.

Footpaths and Bridleways - I have nearly walked all the footpaths and bridleways in the Parish, just the Broadreed area to go. Thank you to my companions in this endeavour who on occasions have pulled me out of the mud.

As part of the Community Plan, as mentioned in the last Newsletter, we are working on proposals for circular walks and bridleways starting in the middle of the village. We want to concentrate resources on these but without neglecting other paths.

Byway 24, A272 to Dog Kennel Lane: This has been taxing us for sometime but repairs on this route are due to be completed this summer.

A member of the public confirmed that the police had been undertaking speed patrols opposite Wilderness Wood.

The Clerk will confirm when Highways work is due to be undertaken in Wilderness Lane.

Clerk

8. Chairman's Report – Cllr. Sandra Richards - I would like to start by speaking briefly with an update on the Community Plan for which I am responsible. Most of you will remember that about 4 years ago, Michael Lunn co-ordinated meetings with villagers to try to envisage the next few years for the village and this was called the Community Plan. During last year, we

had a meeting to re-visit the Plan to see how relevant it was to the village and whether there were areas on which we could try to make some progress. I am pleased to say that the Plan is standing the test of time and is still largely relevant to the village. We have decided to form a group and are going to focus on two areas that were raised as important and try to progress these. One of these is to map all of the information that is available on the village from different sources and to make this resource available to the villagers and the other, already mentioned by Clare, is to try to make some interesting circular walks using existing footpaths and to see if it is possible to join up some bridlepaths to make riding easier (especially crossing the A272). We would welcome any input to this group and the next meeting is on 15th May in the committee room next door.

Regarding the last year of the Parish Council, I have to say I was particularly pleased that all of the time & money that was spent on improving the drainage to Hut Lane was well spent as it was truly tested during the wet winter last year and appears to have worked extremely well – if the work had not been done, I suspect that the Village Hall could easily have been flooded. The new bus shelter also gave shelter from the wind and rain. We know that there have been many issues regarding the roads, ditches, etc but I believe that the Council reacted very quickly to concerns that were raised over work done (or not done) in Wilderness Lane and in clearing gullies on the A272 and, with the help of Roy Galley, managed to arrange a public meeting very quickly with Roger Williams, Head of Highways at ESCC to address the concerns that were raised.

Some of you may be aware that ESCC hosted a celebration party a week or so ago as Hadlow Down (& Five Ashes) are the first rural villages in East Sussex to receive superfast broadband. This is already available at the Five Ashes end of the village and should be available throughout the village within the next few weeks – we are extremely grateful to all concerned for ‘signing up’ for this facility a year or so ago, as if you believe the newspapers, this is going to add value to all of our houses! This year we decided to personally invite parishioners that we were aware were new to the village to this Parish Assembly and I understand that some of them have taken us up on the offer and therefore wish to welcome them to Hadlow Down.

I really have to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their help and support over the last year. For fear of repeating myself from previous years, the work involved in being a Parish Councillor is not just attending one or two meetings per month but involves reading (and trying to understand) many emails and information that is being circulated and trying to establish which parts of some very long reports are relevant to Hadlow Down and the parishioners. All of the Councillors regularly attend and participate in our meetings and I am extremely grateful to them for all of their work. I will say once again that there is still a vacancy if anyone is interested?

I also have to repeat my thanks for the extremely professional and detailed work done on our behalf by our Clerk Helen. I don't believe that the Council would be able to work as efficiently and ‘correctly’ as we do without the guidance and support that we all receive from Helen. In the last year, she has had to deal with a number of legal/technical queries relating to planning, the Village Hall and the proposed Community Centre and has tackled them all with alacrity and managed to clarify them sufficiently for us to understand.

Last but not least, we are also extremely grateful to the volunteers who help on the various village committees such as the Village Hall, Community Centre, Playing Field as we also do appreciate the amount of time & effort that it takes to run these and to keep them progressing – please accept our thanks.

9. Questions from the floor

A member of the public asked for the Parish Council's official view on the Ashdown Forest exclusion zone and the building of houses in the village. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council still support the Community Plan which asks for historical growth of 1-2 houses per year. They do not want to see the village stagnate.

Cllr. James expressed his personal view that the youth are being forced out of the village due to the cost of housing.

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work and commitment.

10. Closure of business

- . The meeting closed at 8:45pm when those present enjoyed refreshments provided by the Council.

HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Final Accounts
2013-14

INCOME	2012-2013		2013-2014	
Balance brought forward	3,383.38		6,766.13	
Precept	26,527.00		26,527.00	
Barclays compensation	200.00		-	
Arlington PC broadband & tel. use	160.15		243.38	
Arlington PC LCR subs & stationery	8.00		24.05	
Burial ground	286.00		505.00	
VAT reclaimed	582.71		2,385.92	
Refund of planning fee			192.50	
Total	31,147.24	31,147.24	36,643.98	36,643.98
 EXPENDITURE				
Clerk's salary	9,686.49		10,029.69	
Clerk's training	22.05		151.63	
Administration	1,097.46		1,143.07	
PC insurance	470.67		491.50	
Subscriptions	417.37		400.97	
Donations	1,401.30		3,696.19	
S.137 donations	224.00		200.00	
Hire of hall	400.00		320.00	
Audit	415.91		326.05	
Councillor's travelling expenses	19.00		-	
Maintenance of Burial Ground	2,331.35		1,733.00	
Litter & dog bin emptying	1,038.30		1,090.80	
Rent to St Mark's School House Trust	15.00		15.00	
Parish Projects Plan	1,225.50		5,459.17	
Fingerpost maintenance	340.00		200.00	
Chairmen's expenses	48.87		43.67	
Parish Magazine	250.00		250.00	
Councillor's training	407.50		290.00	
Chair and Councillor's allowance	216.42		-	
Election expenses	500.00		500.00	
Website	180.00		-	
IT	360.00		498.46	
Maintenance of play area & inspection	628.00		943.00	
Legal fees	1,310.00		533.70	
Transfer into reserves			613.75	
VAT paid	1,375.92		2,342.26	
Total	24,381.11	<u>24,381.11</u>	31,271.91	<u>31,271.91</u>
 Balance at 31st March				
Plus cheques drawn but not presented		6,766.13		5,372.07
Current account balance at 31st March				5,482.07
 Earmarked reserves:				
Burial Ground Landscaping	2,500.00		1,200.00	
Property Maintenance	1,000.00		1,680.00	
New Village Hall Fund	6,500.00		6,500.00	
Road Safety Improvements	3,500.00		2,100.00	
Election Fund	2,932.00		3,432.00	
Finger post costs	2,580.00		2,780.00	
IT	1,000.00		1,604.00	

Community Plan	3,000.00	1,700.00
Total earmarked reserves:	23,012.00	20,996.00
Unearmarked reserves	1,235.60	5,372.10
Total reserves & Active Saver balance:		
at 31st March	<u>24,247.60</u>	<u>26,368.10</u>

Notes to accompany 2013-14 figures

The income from Arlington Parish Council is due to the Clerk also being employed as Clerk for that Parish Council, they share the broadband and telephone costs and some subscription charges with us. It has also resulted in lower training costs than if the Clerk had just been employed by Hadlow Down Parish Council.

The donations include £1646 for grass cutting and a grant towards the cost of the Eco survey at the playing field, a £1800 grant for the Village Hall and other donations towards the cost of the village leaflet, to the Citizens Advice Bureau and Sussex Air Ambulance.

The expenditure under Parish Projects Plan relates to the remainder of the bus shelter fee, the Hut Lane drainage work and the fee for the Lawful Development applications for the Village Hall and the Pavilion.

The difference in the play area expenditure is due to increased costs of the grounds maintenance work.