

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2016
at 7.30pm in The Council Offices, Golden Square, Petworth

**** This meeting was recorded****

Cllrs Present: Mr Chris Kemp (Chairman)
Mr Roger Hanauer (Vice Chairman)
Mrs Juliet Fynes
Mr Hugo Petersens
Mr Alan Copus
Mrs Carry Smith
Mr Michael Peet
Mrs Liz Singleton
Dr Rosa Pawsey
Miss Sam Spriggs
Mrs Maggie South
Mr David Burden
Mr Rob Evans
Mr Neville Fox

In Attendance: Town Clerk - Mrs Rebecca Knifton
Jenny Moulard - Press
District Cllr Eileen Lintill
Sophie Venton – Busy Bees
County Cllr Janet Duncton

Apologies: Mr Tony Rogers

10/16 Co-option

It was **NOTED** that there had been 3 applications for the Cllr vacancy but that 2 prospective candidates had dropped out, leaving just 1, Mr Alan Copus.

Mr Copus gave a brief representation and explained that up until the elections in May 2015, he had been a Cllr and Chairman of PTC's Finance Committee. Since then, he has assisted the Council as a Finance Consultant.

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey and seconded by Cllr Hanauer.

RESOLVED that Mr Copus is co-opted on to the Council.

11/16 Representations by the public

There followed a representation by Ms Sophie Venton, a parent of a child who currently attends Busy Bees Childcare in the town. Her son, 19 months old, has been attending the day care centre for some time and out of the blue, 3 weeks ago, they had been told that the facility was closing on the 31st of March due to lack of funds. They had said that it was unsustainable. Between 20 to 30 children attend. She explained that many parents who use Busy Bees work full-time and although there are other childcare providers, the nearest ones are in Midhurst and Pulborough and these are already oversubscribed.

The Primary School are trying to help and Grayswood Nursery on the opposite side of Haslemere are also actively trying to assist.

Cllr Peet arrived at 7.40pm

Cllr Kemp stated that he has been trying to glean information about the closure and how PTC can help. He had received an email from the school who confirmed that they have been placing adverts to see who would be able to take over the day care and that applications were to be received by Friday April 8th.

District Cllr Lintill explained that they will still have the lease until the 17th of April but that Ofsted can take up to 26 weeks to approve a new care provider. **NOTED** that if another similar organisation already providing childcare took over, it might negate the need for a further Ofsted approval.

Cllr Kemp asked whether there would be any way the current staff could do a management buyout.

Cllr Kemp reiterated that Busy Bees is a vital facility for the town and it was appalling that the closure was purely down to the increase in the cost of the lease.

Cllr Evans suggested a compromise of appealing for it to stay open until new management can be sourced.

Cllr Kemp stated that there were a large number of complications and hurdles to overcome but that Petworth Town Council will support the cause and apply pressure on those who can assist.

ACTION: Cllr Kemp to contact Busy Bees and the PBA in the first instance.

12/16 Apologies for absence

An apology was received from Cllr Tony Rogers due to a work commitment.

13/16 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with **THE LOCALISM ACT 2011** and the **Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**.

14/16 District and County Councillors

District Cllr Eileen Lintill reported that CDC have agreed to outsource their leisure services in a bid to save money and protect the service.

The Chichester in Partnership meeting scheduled for the 4th of March will be attended by guest speaker Tracey Foster who will give a presentation on community resilience. Cllr Lintill requested that if any members wished to attend, to contact Amy Loring.

The Boundary Review - Cllr Lintill explained that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is undertaking a boundary review of Chichester District Council's electoral divisions. Chichester District should have 36 councillors in the future, compared with 48 now.

The Review Panel is putting together a scheme of divisions that the District Council will submit to the Commission. The proposition is that Petworth and Tillington will have only one Cllr going forward.

County Cllr Dunton reported that the County had been doing the same. The only reduction was in the Arun District.

There will be a Council meeting to decide the budget held on the 19th of February.

Operation Watershed will be run again in the next financial year with £500k available for flood resilience projects.

Noted that County will be allocating £1m back into roads.

The Fire Service one year on – there is now a 6 wheeler in Midhurst which will also be shared with Petworth.

Cllr Dunton reiterated WSCC's commitment to assisting Busy Bees and stated that the County were treating children and elderly services as a priority.

Cllr Kemp mentioned his conversation with Steve Hodd at Highways regarding the state of the pavement outside NatWest. BT had dug it up some time ago and had not re-laid it properly leaving it as a dangerous trip hazard. The slabs are smashed from the lorries. East St is also affected. He requested that County Cllr Dunton go back to WSCC to put pressure on BT to reinstate the pavement.

Cllr Dunton spoke of the reduction in County Council Rangers but after consultation, County were able to reduce the costs which expended £320k. Cllr Dunton explained that many of the jobs the Rangers do

would be expected to be taken over by the Town and Parish Councils.

15/16 Chairman's Report and other Announcements on matters requested

The Annual Town Meeting – Cllr South reported that the scheduled date would be the 27th of April. She stated that she would be happy to use the skills register and get together with a small Working Group.

She suggested offering organisations a stall or stand to display their literature. **NOTED** that notice of the meeting will be given in the next few weeks.

ACTION: Book the Leconfield Hall

Skills Register – Cllr South reported that the register is ongoing.

Grass Cutting contracts – Cllr Kemp reported that the grass cutting contracts went to Tender. The Tender Committee had decided to split up the existing contract and that the cemetery and the Church would be considered as separate contracts.

The awarding contractor is local and had the most flexibility within their contract. **NOTED** that Cllrs South's husband is assisting in the process.

PTC are currently spending £6k a year on their contract.

Cllr Kemp has gone back to CDC and requested that they transfer the £6k they are paying their contractor to PTC so that PTC can take control of the maintenance of all the open spaces in the Parish.

PTC will instruct Henry Saxton for a period of 3 years but will review the contract and its requirements annually.

NP update – Cllr Pawsey reported that the NP is progressing and the SG's meet every month, whilst the WG's meet more frequently. Next week there will be a meeting with Nexus, Alan Baxter and the heads of the various Working Groups. Alan Baxter have produced a working document/report to this effect.

Vision Update – Cllr Fynes reported that there had been a meeting in Leconfield Hall to address 'creating a sense of space' and 'supporting a vibrant working community'.

NOTED that Vision now have their own bank account which has received some personal donations.

A years ago, they had created a Vision Statement which incorporated a 'gateway into the town'. The process has now begun.

The projected basic costs will be around £6k.

Queen's Birthday – Cllr Duncton reported that CDC are awarding a Grant of up to £250 to assist in a commemorative event.

Cllr South proposed an allotment social event and possibility of starting a horticultural society.

Cllr Kemp proposed renaming the 'Jubilee Walk' into 'Queen's Walk'.

Cllr Hanauer proposed that the entrance into the town could mark the celebrations.

ACTION: All members to send in ideas to Cllrs Kemp and Peet.

Hampers Common Play area – Cllr Kemp reported that the contractors have moved the fencing to allow access to the Zip Wire, the Mugga and the Trim Trail.

NOTED that the fenced areas still cannot be used until Greenspan have remedied the groundworks and the ROSPA can be completed. **NOTED** that County Cllr Duncton could assist in the process.

NOTED that already the active areas are being heavily used.

ACTION: Cllr Kemp to contact John Riddell who has offered to assist in clearing the ditches and the culvert.

Cllr Fox mentioned that he was concerned that PTC are still withholding the final payment until the works are remedied. Cllr Hanauer stated that the contractors were so intent on receiving their money in full and had not, to date, made an agreement to ‘make good’ the ground. It was **NOTED** that they had tried to blame the Clerk for their misdemeanours in her absence but upon request, were unable to provide any information to this effect and have now backtracked and are dismissing this comment. Cllr Hanauer categorically confirmed that it is the contractors who are shouldering the blame in this matter.

To be **RESOLVED** at the next meeting.

Car Parks – Cllr Kemp reported that he had met with Car Parks about 12 to 14 months ago and that they had said that they will be repainting the bays. They had also agreed to rehang the gates and repaint the street furniture. Cllr Kemp had also asked them to sort out the tree line near the SB Car Park. The retaining wall on Station Road is protected but is in desperate need of repair. **NOTED** that the historic double box hedge is mentioned in the writings of William Cobbett.

WSSC highways – Cllr Kemp reported on the street lights. The matter is ongoing.

Trustee – A request had been received from the Estate to appoint a trustee for the almshouses. There had been two interested parties for the vacancy.

PTC requested that both Cllr Pawsey and County Cllr Duncton write in to PTC in order for a democratic decision to be give back to the Estate.

Skate park – Cllrs Hanauer and Peet reported and the following statement was read:

In light of the decision taken at a recent CDC Cabinet Meeting during which the PTC proposal for a Skatepark facility in the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre car park was rejected, we have carefully studied the outcome together with the information we submitted in support of our proposal. We have come to series of troubling conclusions.

PTC is profoundly disappointed by the irrational decision by CDC Cabinet to refuse our town’s Skatepark, we fail to understand why many key facts related to the construction and safe operation of the Skatepark have been ignored or possibly not made available to Cabinet Members which we believe contributed to the shocking NO decision. We have deep concern many of the key facts we submitted were glossed over to achieve this negative outcome, why the Cabinet Members were not in possession of certain important facts we cannot say. What we do know is the Children, Youth and Parents of Petworth will surely reach their own conclusions once they hear this NO decision for the Skatepark.

For those that have not seen it the official CDC NO resolution is worded as follows: That the District Council, whilst supporting the provision of a Skatepark facility for Petworth, has concerns regarding the safety of the proposed facility in this location. As a result it requests Petworth Town Council to explore

alternative locations for the proposed Skatepark or look at an alternative form of youth facility provision (not wheeled sports) at the identified location at Sylvia Beaufoy Car Park subject to planning permission, full occupational terms and site management arrangements.

This Resolution is a shameful health & safety based ‘fig leaf’ that is barely hiding another more selfish agenda. The decision must be challenged, we must assure the people of Petworth this decision will be challenged by all means possible, to that end a PTC Resolution will be put forward for Council to vote on this evening.

It is possible some of you here may have listened to the publically available recording of the CDC Cabinet debate and the NO vote on our Skatepark application, our team has done so many times. The debate included frankly laughable comments about the possibility of skateboards ‘squirting out’ into the traffic and the Cabinet Members appeared oblivious to the FACTS supporting our proposal. The detailed Feasibility Report we submitted to CDC addressed issues such as perimeter safety fencing, lockable gates, controlled hours of operation etc. Yet, during the debate Cabinet Members made reference to the possibility skaters could be run down by cars entering the Silvia Beaufoy car park or skaters who might be hit by cars because the car park is on a slope, furthermore the Cabinet members were concerned CDC would have exposure and liability to such risks.

We suggest few, if any, of the Cabinet Members have visited Petworth to witness the regular skateboarding activities that take place on the main highway which runs downhill from the NatWest Bank building past the Co-Op and down the Pound Street car park entrance road, or will they have seen the boarding skills of riders practicing amongst moving vehicular and pedestrian traffic in Pound Street car park, the latter surely something CDC could be held liable for should there be an accident between a skateboarder and a car, lorry or pedestrian.

When studying the recording of the Cabinet Meeting the Members are heard to express concern regarding the Silvia Beaufoy car park being busy and voicing opinion that parking spaces lost to a Skatepark would be unacceptable. However (and folks you have to admit this is odd) they then state they would support an application to use the same parking spaces for an alternative form of youth facility but not wheeled sports. Frankly we are unable to reconcile these statements, regardless of the alternative sport Cabinet approved the parking spaces would be lost. Furthermore we believe it more likely an accident would be caused by a ball – used in some alternative sport such as football or softball – ‘squirting out’ over the fence of the facility and onto the main road. Here we have a double standard whereby Wheeled Sports have been stigmatized as undesirable while other sports are not.

Cabinet members were read a letter of concern written by a representative of the Silvia Beaufoy Youth Club, the letter made mention of the potential risk of Skatepark users being injured by collision with vehicles entering the car park at speed. We believe this exaggerated claim to be the primary reason Cabinet is relying upon to justify the NO Resolution to Petworth’s Skatepark.

If this is a legitimate, non-exaggerated concern then PTC, and the people of Petworth deserve an explanation from our District Council as to why they have failed to take action and put in place traffic calming measures to protect existing pedestrians using the car park.

At risk are those less agile including older folk, parents pushing babies and young children in prams and buggies, groups of children exiting the car park after attending Youth Club activities. Many of these people are unable to exit the car park via the steps and are therefore forced to use the vehicular entrance we’ve heard is dangerous, some people we know do this on a daily basis. Why therefore is CDC Cabinet so particularly focused on skateboarders when surely all members of the public are entitled to protection from such a peril.

The public, regardless of who they are, skateboarders or otherwise, should be protected IF this concerns is legitimate, CDC surely has a duty of care to protect them all from coming to harm as they exit or enter the car park. Interestingly after researching this topic PTC finds no evidence to suggest there has been a collision between a member of public and vehicle in the Silvia Beaufoy car park in recent times. The fact is no traffic calming measures have been installed in the entrance of the car park and PTC believes this safety concern has been exaggerated and used as a smokescreen to disguise a politically motivated outcome.

It is clear few, if any, Councillors read the PTC Feasibility study. We believe key information supplied to CDC months in advance of the cabinet meeting might not have been readily available to the Councillors concerned.

Highly disturbing was the way the Cabinet Members involved, most of whom are probably unfamiliar with Petworth and may have never set foot in the Silvia Beaufoy car park, adopted 'herd mentality' and voted as 'a pack' after hearing robust and detrimental opening statements delivered by Gillian Keegan at the beginning of the debate.

The opening statement was peppered with exaggerated safety concerns and misleading loss of parking space information that helped guaranteed a NO vote, the final nail went into the coffin of our Skatepark proposal when the Cabinet was informed of unsupportive submissions from Councillors Duncton and Graves.

We feel it highly unlikely the Cabinet Members could have reached a NO decision had they been aware of the facts contained in the PTC Skateboard Park Need, Feasibility and Impact Report and if a PTC representative had been afforded the opportunity to address the exaggerated safety concerns and questions related to loss of parking spaces prior to the hearing. The correct and democratic outcome of this debate and vote should have been a provisional YES Resolution subject to the Skatepark design meeting full Planning Authority requirements and meeting all occupational terms and site management arrangements.

In no particular order I want to list the Key Facts PTC presented to CDC as documentary evidence in advance of the Cabinet Meeting, key fact we believe were either ignored, or not made readily available to Cabinet Members prior to the Meeting:

FACT - The proposed site is ideally suited for a Skatepark, it is close to the Town Centre and the town's main residential areas, a pelican crossing provides a safe means for pedestrian access to the Skatepark from the main car park and Town Centre.

FACT - The proposed Skatepark design was to include a robust high-level safety fence around its perimeter making it impossible for skateboards to 'squirt out' onto the main road or for skaters to accidentally whizz out of the park and into the car park. To protect Skatepark users from vehicles entering the car park a lockable, secure entrance/exit gate was to be sited in the fencing at the farthest point from the entrance to the car park, some 20 plus metres away from the A272 providing plenty distance for drivers to avoid users of the Skatepark.

FACT – The proposed Skatepark design was to be made from the latest concrete type construction, this construction type combined with the fact today's modern skateboards and scooters are fitted with quiet running nylon wheels would reduce the potential for noise nuisance to a minimum. Concrete Skateparks are considerably quieter than facilities made from other materials. Independent noise studies conducted by the Skatepark Association of the United States of America proved that the maximum noise levels from a concrete Skateparks containing 50 users, when measured from a distance on 10 metres, is 78 decibels, equivalent to the noise of a hair dryer and quieter than a blow-dryer, kitchen blender, food processor.

FACT – In addition to high-level safety fencing surrounding the Skatepark a noise barrier was also to be included alongside the facility to the side closest to nearby residential properties.

FACT - The Skatepark structure was designed to be built flush with the ground thereby making good use of a favourable slope in the car park surface. Sinking the structure into the ground this way means entry and exit from the Skatepark surface is at ground level making it safe and user friendly, it offers the additional benefit of further reducing noise from the Skatepark.

FACT - The 5 car parking spaces identified, together with the additional land adjacent, as the best location for the Skatepark facility are underutilized Disabled parking spaces. With the support of CCTV surveillance recorded over a period of several months, CDC's Car Park team confirmed these parking bays are seldom used during the day time. The reason these bays remain largely unused is because they are distance from the town centre, the uneven nature of the pavement into town or steep steps to exit the car park present a person with a disability some difficulty getting from one of these bays to the town centre. The CDC Parking Team confirmed to PTC that sufficient spaces were already available to meet the Disabled parking requirement close to the town centre in the Pound Street car park.

FACT - CDC's Parking Team confirmed the PTC Skatepark facility would have no impact on the number of regular parking spaces currently available in the Silvia Beaufoy car park.

FACT - The Petworth skatepark was to be an unsupervised facility and parental supervision was to be recommended for young children. Access to the skatepark was to be limited between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:00 pm, the access gate was to remain locked during icy winter weather. Admission was to be free and there was to be a recommendation that protective clothing must be worn at all times.

FACT – On 26th October 2015 representatives of PTC met Clive Fish, Chairman of the Silvia Beaufoy Youth Club Committee; during the meeting we updated Mr. Fish on our progress with the Skatepark project and made him aware of studies undertaken by ROSPA that show a remarkably low incidence of accidents occur on modern Skatepark, we offered to share this information with him together with similar evidence we obtained from nearby Towns operating Skateparks, which backed this up. Mr. Fish told us he did not doubt what we were saying and that he did not require this information in more detail. During the meeting, which took place in the Sylvia Beaufoy car park, Mr. Fish told us that whilst the Youth Club they couldn't support our use of the space in the car park they did not intend to oppose the proposed location. This was one of several meeting with representatives of the Youth Club.

It would appear the PTC Skatepark was doomed before it went to the vote, a raft of exaggerated safety concerns were effectively planted into the minds of the Cabinet Members during the opening statement. From the recording of the meeting it's clear the Councillors were influenced by these concerns and the loss of regular parking spaces. When asked by the Chair to provide feedback and thought prior to a final vote, the Councillors cited almost word-for-word the exaggerated safety concerns as the reason they were in support of the NO Resolution. PTC does not understand why the Councillors did not make reference to the Report submitted by PTC that addressed matters of safety, we fear pressure was bought to bear to ensure a NO Resolution.

An amount of effort went into making this hearing to appear as fair and democratic while it's obvious the majority of Cabinet were unaware the car park spaces in question had been confirmed as available by their own Officers, nor were they aware the area is to one side and out of line of the entrance roadway. Such examples of ignorance prove few, if any, Councillors from other Wards went to the trouble to equip themselves with the full facts prior to the Cabinet Meeting, not one was willing to stand up and argue in favour of the Skatepark location for the benefit of the Children and Youth of Petworth.

PTC has a regrettable outcome on our hands, in reality the losers here are the Children, Youth and parents of the Town and surrounding villages. Aside from our own Ward representatives PTC must employ all means possible to challenge the other Ward Councillors to discover how, while busy representing their Wards spread over a large and diverse District, they felt adequately qualified to reach a NO decision on this very Petworth specific case rather than doing the right thing and referring the matter to the Planning Authority.

It is clear from the exchanges during the debate there was a genuine lack of knowledge regarding the proposed location of the skatepark and little domain expertise regarding modern skatepark design and the safety and noise reduction features they incorporate. Frankly we find it shameful these Councillors were oblivious to the facts PTC submitted in support our application in ignorance and with exaggerated safety concerns and misinformation they voted.

How can it be that a group of busy Cabinet Members feel equipped to wield their power in such a way as to assume the mantle of the CDC Planning Authority? It is with the Planning Authority PTC had expected to have the facts, technical issues and impact assessment related to the Skatepark design and location examined and challenged. It would seem this is no longer the democratic process, in the case of Petworth's Skatepark application CDC Cabinet is the defacto Planning Authority.

PTC is indebted to District Council for recording in the wording of the Resolution the demonstrable need for a Skatepark in Petworth. However, it is with great sadness we have witnessed this Cabinet act as Judge Jury and Executioners of our proposal on the grounds of exaggerated public safety concerns, parking space loss and potential noise impact to a finite number of residents who currently live in close proximity to a main road and a Youth Centre with an outdoor sport area. If, as it appears they did, this Cabinet abused its decision making authority to reach a consensus based on unproven safety concerns we must question why CDC requires a Planning Authority or bother to operate a Planning Application Process.

Proposed by Cllr Kemp and seconded by Cllr South to 'call-in' the decision of Cabinet and put their decision before the Local Government Ombudsman.

RESOLVED

County Cllr Duncton attempted to interrupt the meeting and was called to order three times by the Chairman. Cllr Duncton was then audibly recorded as saying 'I'm not standing for this' and left the meeting.

After Cllr Duncton had left expeditiously, it was **NOTED** that the Cabinet Members had not read any of the documentation supplied by PTC that they should have in order to make an informed decision and that the Officer's recommendations to approve the application had been, as quoted, 'thwarted by well-meaning elected amateurs'.

Five year plan – Cllr South – Ongoing.

Training – Confirmed that Cllr Rogers will attend the new Cllrs training and Chairmanship.

Watershed – New grants available in April. The culvert in Hampers Common was suggested as a project.

Landbuild and Balfour will be contacted in order to gain quotes for mole draining.

Winter Maintenance – A Working Party was appointed to include Cllrs Petersens, Spriggs and Copus.

Farmers Market – Cllrs Kemp, Peet and Evans reported that CDC have agreed to suspend the parking bays. Cllr Kemp to inform Tania Murphy of the dates.

Playgrounds – already minuted.

Street Lighting – Cllr Fox reported that he had contacted Scottish and Southern Energy who maintain and upgrade on behalf of WSCC.

NOTED that Cllr Fox had challenged WSCC on the fact that their budget had not suitable for an historic town and that if all the works had been completed at the same time, PTC would not have to brunt the cost.

Cllr Kemp confirmed that there was money allocated in the budget for 2016/17.

Standing Orders – The Clerk reported on the minor amendment to the SO’s. Proposed by Cllr Hanauer and seconded by Cllr South.

RESOLVED that the new SO’s are **ADOPTED**.

Adjustment to the budget – The Clerk reported that a buffer of £500 should be allocated to legal fees.

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Petersens.

RESOLVED

Busy Bees – Cllr Kemp – Nothing further to report.

16/16 To confirm the minutes of the previous Council meetings

Minutes of the previous meeting were Proposed by Cllr Peet and seconded by Cllr Smith.

RESOLVED

17/16 Matters Arising from previous minutes not already on this agenda

Food Fair and Book Fair will take place on the 19th July 2016.

The pruning of the Cherry Trees in the cemetery will not be undertaken between March and August.

18/16 To receive Reports

(a1) Finance and General Purposes Committee

- Approval of payments:

Leconfield Hall	50	Xmas Event - General	Civic Event
R Knifton	40.77	Expenses/Postage	Travel Expenses/Training
Eibe	56003.81	Playpark spend	Rosemary Gardens
1&1	71.86	Comms/IT	Website/Direct Debit
Alan Baxter	6000	Traffic & roads consultant	
Peter Frost	673.58	Audit Fee	Internal Audit - June '15
Post Office Ltd	1048.93	Clerk's Salary	Tax & NI - Jan/Feb
Julie Aguilar	276	Clerking	Neighbourhood Plan
C Kemp	15	Contingency	Prayer Breakfast - Chair
M Welch	150.00	Xmas Event - General	Soundsystem
Naldrett	497.5	Rosemary Gdns/Hampers Com	Contract
CDC	1836.68	Local Election	May Elections
Flude	1638	Office Rent & Service Charges	
C Kemp	76.46	Xmas Event - General	Civic Event
Hennings	211.63	Xmas Event - General	Thank you event
Austens	75.38	Xmas Event - General	
David Somma	96	Comms/IT	Cloud Renewal
C Kemp	13.32	Expenses/Postage	Travel Expenses
Viking	338.87	Office Expenditure	Ink etc
Des Bone Ltd	91.2	Rosemary Gardens Maintenance	ROSPA
Des Bone Ltd	91.2	Hampers Common Maintenance	ROSPA

Proposed by Cllr Spriggs and seconded by Cllr Burden.

RESOLVED

- Bank reconciliation:

BALANCE SHEET AND BANK RECONCILIATION

Reserve at 1 April 2015 - not allocated	4,742
Reserve at 1 April 2015 - N'hood Plan	30,533
Reserve at 1 April 2015 - Allotments	1,408
Income to date	89,684
Less: Expenditure to date	-55,113
Less: Recoverable VAT	-11,059
Less: Neighbourhood Plan	-15,115
Plus: Neighbourhood Plan Grant	4,700
S106 receipt	1,049
S106 spend	-1,049
PWLB loans	79,950
Playpark donations	3,300
New Homes Bonus	9,257
Playpark spend	-32,458
Balance at	31/01/2016
	<u>109,828.93</u>

Playpark balance 60,049

Balances at 31/01/2016

Nat West Current Account	40,561.31
Nat West Deposit Account	69,267.62
	109,828.93

Proposed by Cllr Burden and seconded by Cllr Evans.

RESOLVED

(a2) Minutes of the previous meeting - Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Kemp.

RESOLVED

(b) Highways, Traffic and Planning Committee – **NOTED** that there are still ongoing issues with the Cloud. The minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

(c) Open Spaces - Minutes of the previous meeting - Proposed by Cllr Peet and seconded by Cllr Fox.

RESOLVED

(d) Petworth Business Association – **NOTED** that was an up and coming budgeting meeting.

(e) Petworth Pages – PTC's next article will focus heavily on the town.

19/16 To consider other items at the Chairman's discretion

Nothing to report

Meeting closed – 10.15pm

Signed.....
Chairman