

Notes of the Village Community Advisory Group Meeting held on the 22nd of September at the Plough.

Present Chris Poole and Julie Lawrence

Apologies from Nadine and Mark who were both stuck on trains

Matters arising from previous meetings.

Village Resilience – a meeting is in the process of being arranged with Paul Stanford from BHCC emergency planning team to discuss the appropriate network that exists between RPC and the BHCC in the event of an emergency.

Accounts from the Queen Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Kipling Gardens – The final invoice had now been and settled and the total spend now amounts to £706.70.

Noticeboard 6 Julie still endeavouring to contact Adam of Sussex Trades to get the 6th Noticeboard installed at the Recreation Ground

References from the SCAG to the VCAG

Children's football at the Rottingdean Recreation ground. You will see from the correspondence that Graham Sheppard met with Cathy Taylor of PARC and Keith Meeres of Rottingdean cricket and football club met with representatives of BHCC to discuss shifting adult (male) football up to Happy Valley. The understanding reached was this would happen by the start of the current season so there was some disappointment when this didn't happen. It hasn't been possible to accommodate all youth league matches on the football pitch at the cricket club, so several fixtures have had to be cancelled.

Cathy Taylor has written a letter to Keith Taylor at BHCC, in line with previous discussions on the topic I have given RPC support and Keith Meeres is the third signatory.

The plan is to keep up pressure on BHCC to designate the Recreation ground for children's football when the season starts again next year.

The Tennis Courts at Rottingdean Recreation Ground as with other tennis courts in Brighton the city council is looking to divest responsibility for the maintenance of these to the local community. Graham prepared a paper explaining the costs. SCAG are proposing that we investigate what groups in Rottingdean might be prepared to contribute towards the running of the courts. Likely that VCAG will be asked to contact current users.

Spaces/Places for young teenagers in Rottingdean to meet up

representations have been made about using part of the site or some of the St Aubyns assets for a space/place for teenagers to meet in the village. (The latest available demographic data for Rottingdean indicates that just over 254 residents are between the age of 10 and 19) There isn't currently anywhere in the village for young teenagers to meet up, particularly as the weather closes in making the beach and other open spaces inhospitable. Caroline Vitta from the Trust for Developing Communities had made suggestions about shelters with wifi which could be used as a meeting place.

SCAG felt that we should consult more widely about possible places in the Parish and seek to engage with children at Longhill School. Consideration needs to be given to how we could hold a conversation with young residents of Rottingdean about a meeting space.

Christmas Tree purchasing and placing the Christmas Tree on the village will also be passed to the village community advisory group. Graham has drafted some comprehensive guidance on how that will be done.

Lark Ascending Event this will take place on the 12th of October, weather permitting the children's parade will start on lower high street outside Artpod at 6pm and move down the high street for the concert at St Margaret's Church which starts at 7.30pm. Following Sept meeting of RPC Sharon confirmed that Artpod were prepared to accept the liability for the event and have accepted that the £1000 contribution made by RPC towards the cost of the event will be returned if the event doesn't go ahead. Plans are very much in evidence, the Lark Lanterns are being made, and flyers have been circulating.

Dates of future VCAG meetings October 20th, November 24th and December 15th at the Plough 7 until 8