School Lane Community Association, Hadlow Down Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th June 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Cricket Pavilion, Hadlow Down Playing Field

1: Introduction and Welcome

The meeting was opened by Malcolm Burt who welcomed David Gibson, Tenant Involvement Officer, Wealden District Council. David Gibson went on to chair the meeting.

Present: Malcolm Burt, Marion Bayly, Jill McMahon, Chris McMahon, Diana Kempson, Drew McCann and Sarah, Barry Richardson.

Guests for the evening: David Gibson, Tenant Involvement Officer, Wealden District Council

2: Report on the Survey

Toddlers, children and Young People

We shall investigate setting up a parent and toddler group. A survey of parents with toddlers is to be organised to assess support and needs.

Community Garden

We shall look into fund raising for this project from Awards for All (National Lottery). The first phase will be to clear the site and construct a permanent properly surfaced path suitable for wheelchair access and construction of a bog garden and wildlife area

Transport

We shall work with Wealden Action Group to press for improved local bus services. There will be an initial meeting of Wealden Action Group on 24th September at Uckfield Civic Centre at 7.00 pm.

Council Services

Street lighting issues were discussed at some length. The lack of street lighting raised concerns mainly about security. It was not felt that an overall road lighting scheme was appropriate in a rural setting, but the possibility of lighting on a PIR basis with perhaps ornamental lamp standards placed at a few strategic points on access paths was considered appropriate.

Footpaths

A meeting with a representative from ESCC to look at and review is to be arranged

Home Improvement (tenants only)

We shall ask Wealden DC to look into current plans for heating, guttering and door replacements

Road Safety

The whole meeting expressed concerns about road safety, particularly traffic speeds in School Lane

We were advised that as from March 2009 the 30 mph limit will be extended from Waghorns Lane past the playing fields and to the cross roads with Stocklands Lane and Five Chimneys Lane.

Parking

We shall look at improved parking especially the provision of a disabled bay

3: Vote on launch of Community Association

A vote was taken on whether a Community Association should be formed. The vote was unanimous and a Constitution prepared by David Gibson was agreed.

4: Election of a Committee

Principal officers were elected:

Malcolm Burt Chairman

Jill McMahon Secretary

Chris McMahon Treasurer

Committee members elected:

Marian Bayley
Drew McCann and Sarah
Barry Richardson
Diana Kempson

5: Any other matters

The next meeting will be at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 8th July at the Pavilion in the Playing Field.

Thanks to those who provided tea and light refreshments.

There being no other matters raised the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

19th June 2008