ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - VILLAGE CONCERNS 2026

Held at The Kings Head East Hoathly at 7.30pm 30 September 2026.

Steering Group Members Attending: Katherine Gutkind(Joint Chair), Victoria Aldridge (Joint Chair), Jonathan Walker, Patti Quintana, Dianne Edden, Gareth Shrimpton, Jan Burdon.

Apologies received from Alicia Sweeney and Jane Brook.

Meeting led by Joint Chair Victoria Aldridge

Minutes from previous AGM by Zoom passed with no comments.

Treasurers Report

Patti Quintana
Monies in present account. £2,569. Nothing further to report.

Update on Current Planning Applications

BRADFORDS 2024. (55) As yet not in build.

CIRCLE of OAKS. Full Consent Approved 2024. (17) As yet not in build.

BUTTSFIELD LANE. Approved 2023. (2). As yet not in build due to dispute. It has recently been resold at auction and now ongoing due to access objections. This development has to cross private land and this is being refused.

SOUTH STREET Refused 2026 (5)

HESMONDS present Hybrid Application for (275) deferred due issues at the Majors Planning Meeting which VC attended.

Local Plan

Presentation by Jonathan Walker

Jonathan Walker advised changes to Local Plan Regulation 19.
VC will send out update to supporters advising of these changes.
WEALDEN have removed the 4,441 houses from Halland on the LP.

Still in the LP for EH are 592. In all 666.
VC will be submitting a serious objection to this and will advise supporters how to object.

The Public Consultation is open until 2nd of November 2026.

The sites in East Hoathly are
Harrison's Field 150
Broomy Lodge. 30
Tourles Farm. 176
Sewerage Works. 30

The Hybrid Application from Hesmonds was fully discussed and information can be found on our FB/Website

Patti Quintana advised that at Harrisons Field in East Hoathly there are no sewerage facilities to link onto the village system.

Gareth Shrimpton updated the meeting on the developers proposed access routes required to facilitate the school for over 400 children which features on the Hybrid Application at Tourles farm. The access suggested would have to use the Public Rights of Way. 15-1 and 18-1

The PROWs affected are on Buttsfield Lane and Old Lane. Both accesses would need to pass over private and unadopted land which at present is being robustly denied by the residents living there. Village Concerns object to the use of these PROWs 15-1 and 18-1 as there would be a huge threat set to the safety of the Residents the pedestrians and a proposed cycle route to the school.

Constitution Changes

Victoria Aldridge (Joint Chair) proposed the following changes to the Village Concerns Constitution:

Decisions

3. The Steering Committee will elect a Treasurer. All elections and decisions at Steering Committee Meetings will be made by simple majority vote of those present. In the event of tied vote, the Chair, or whichever of the Joint Chairs is chairing the meeting, shall have an additional casting vote. Decisions taken outside formal meetings shall require a quorum of the Chair and 3 of the Steering Committee. All such decisions to be notified to the remainder of the committee via email.

Record of Meetings

4. Steering Committee Meetings are arranged by the Chair or Joint Chairs and notified to Steering Committee members via email. The meeting will always be recorded and a records retained for at least 5 years. An Action List will be produced following every meeting that records the decisions of the meeting and lists actions to be followed up and by whom.

General Meetings

11. Village Concerns will hold a General Meeting as required. The General Meeting date and venue will be notified to supporters via email and published on the website. Those people named on the mailing and phone lists will be eligible to attend and vote. Ten supporters from the Village Concerns mailing list can request that a General Meeting be held within one month by written request.

Seconded by Jonathan Walker and approved unanimously.

Hybrid Application

JW. Will be producing and an update for the objection to the Hybrid Application.

Kate Richardson suggested we provide a simpler way for supporters to make their own objections which might encourage more residents to object next. Kate also suggested we email supporters to encourage them to object. JW agreed to provide this in the next update.
KG.

There being no further business there AGM was duly closed.

The next VC STEERING GROUP MEETING is on 8th October at the Kings Head at 7.30pm.