

BURIALS & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

REPORT (Minutes) of the meeting of the Burials & Properties Committee held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Monday 22nd November 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Prior to commencement of formal business, a period of not more than 15 minutes was assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public to address the Committee or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities under direction of this committee) at the discretion of the presiding Chairman.

Mr. Stuart Towner spoke in respect of the request by the Town Farm Residents' Association Youth Club to install a projector and screen in the Maurice Thornton Pavilion (agenda item 7.1).

Mr. Jason Hull spoke in respect of the request of the use the Maurice Thornton Pavilion for a keep fit club (agenda item 7.2). He stated that he wanted run two or three classes a day two or three times a week. He wanted to use the Playing Field when possible and the Pavilion when the weather was inclement; however, the price Hailsham Town Council charged was prohibitive.

BP/10/3 /155 **Present:** Councillors W. A. Bentley, B. F. Burchmore, B. Cock, P. Holbrook (Chairman), Mrs. S. E. Henstock, J. Hulbert, Mrs. C. Kempe (Vice-Chairman).

156 **Apologies for Absence** were received and accepted from Councillors R.E.C. Burnett and R. F. Kempe.

157 **Officers in Attendance** D. Saxby (Committee Clerk).

158 **Declarations of Interest.** None received.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

159 **RESOLVED** to note that the Report (minutes) of the meeting of the Burial and Properties Committee (Ref: BP/10/2/90–104) held on the 13th September 2010 was confirmed as being a correct record and adopted by the Town Council, at a meeting held on Monday 4th October 2010, and to consider any matters arising therefrom.

Matters Arising

160 None presented.

Committee Expenditure

161 **RESOLVED** to note and adopt the Committee's statement of Income & Expenditure for the period 1st April 2010 to 31st October 2010 as circulated with the agenda and attached as Appendix BP/10/3/161A to these minutes.

Hailsham Cemetery

162 **Cemetery Wardens' Report**

Councillor Mrs. Kempe stated that she had recently visited Hailsham Cemetery and it was, as usual, in a very good condition. She was, however, concerned at the condition of the gentlemen's toilet. It was extremely dirty and smelly. She asked how it had become this dirty when it had been steamed cleaned within the last year.

The Committee Clerk stated that he would arrange for the toilets to be cleaned again.

Future Development of Hailsham Cemetery

163.1 The Chairman stated that he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

He explained that he wanted to make good the land at the bottom of the Cemetery, near the stream. This would free up some grave spaces and make it a pleasant place for relatives to sit.

163.2 **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Committee Clerk make the necessary enquiries to ascertain who owns the land in question and report to the next meeting of the Burial and Properties Committee for further discussion.

Street Lighting

164.1 The Committee Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with SALC, East Sussex County Council and EDF Energy in September 2010. It was made quite clear at that meeting that EDF Energy would not meet the costs of replacing the switch gear equipment that allows the street lights to come on and off as necessary.

Discussion ensued.

164.2 **RESOLVED** to recommend that Hailsham Town Council meets the costs of replacing the switch gear equipment that allows the street lights to come on and off as necessary.

Maurice Thornton Pavilion

Youth Club

165.1 The Chairman thanked Mr. Towner for attending the meeting and speaking at the beginning of the meeting. Members noted the assurance that the installation of the equipment would not impinge on other pavilion users.

165.2 **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Town Farm Residents' Association be given permission to install a projector and screen in the Maurice Thornton Pavilion.

Keep Fit Club

166.1 The Chairman thanked Mr. Hull for attending the meeting and speaking at the beginning of the meeting.

Members whilst wanting to help Mr Hull in his business enterprise were concerned that other users of the Pavilion would object to the keep fit club getting a favourable rate for its use.

166.2 **RESOLVED** to recommend that this matter be delegated to the Chairman and

Town Clerk to negotiate a compromise with Mr Hull for use of the Maurice Thornton Pavilion for his keep fit club.

Estimates 2010/2011

- 167.1 Copies of the Estimates Sub-Committee's report and recommendations had been circulated with the Agenda.
- 167.2 **RESOLVED** to recommend that appendix BP/10/3/167 to these minutes is considered by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee at their precept meeting in January 2011.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21 pm.

CHAIRMAN