



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Hailsham Town Council, held at the Fleur-de-Lys Council Chambers/Meeting Rooms, Market Square, Hailsham, on Monday 14th March 2011 at 8.00 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public.

Public Question Time

Prior to commencement of the formal business of the meeting a period of not more than 15 minutes had been assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public present to address the Assembly, or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities of the Town Council) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

Miss C. Faye asked if anything could be done to stop the indiscriminate parking on Gleneagles Drive opposite Chandler's motor showroom

Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley raised a point of order in respect of Miss Faye's right to address the meeting as she had just attended a Hailsham Independents' Group meeting. The Chairman advised that Miss Faye was entitled to ask a question as a member of the public.

HTC/10/4/500 **Present:** Councillors Mrs. S.J. Bentley, W.A. Bentley, J.E. Bentley-Astor, J.L. Blake B. Cock, N.S. Coltman, Mrs. S.P.M. Cottingham, W.F. Crittenden, J.H. Garvican, I.G. Haffenden, Mrs. S.E. Henstock, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P.S. Holbrook, J. Hulbert, R. F. Kempe (Chairman), B. Marlowe, J. Puttick, Mrs. M. Rowe and G.G. Rowe.

501 **Officers in Attendance:** Mrs. E.G. Jones (Town Clerk), M. Caira (Deputy Town Clerk) and D. Saxby (Administrative Assistant).

Apologies for Absence:

502 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors B. F. Burchmore, R.E.C. Burnett, Mrs. D.S. Haffenden and Mrs. C.E. Kempe.

Declarations of Interest

503 Councillor W. A. Bentley declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10 – English National Concessionary Fares Scheme – as he is East Sussex County Council Cabinet member.

Police Report

504 Copies of Sgt. Howard Nevill's report had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED to note Sgt. Nevill's report, as circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/10/4/504A to these minutes.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

505 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/10/3/400-418) held on 13th December 2010, as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

506 **Matters Arising**

None presented.

Adoption of Standing Committee Reports (Minutes)

507.1 **RESOLVED**, after consideration in accordance with Standing Order 18(e), to receive the following reports of Committees, and subject to the amendments below after consideration of the reserved paragraphs (minutes), to approve and adopt the recommendations contained therein and the actions taken as reported therein.

507.2 A. **Environment and Leisure Committee** - 14th February 2011 (ref: EL/10/4/197-216)

507.3 B. **Burials and Properties Committee** - 21st February 2011 (ref: BP/10/4/217- 232)

507.3 C. **Finance, Policy and Resources Committee** - 28th February 2011 (ref: FPR/10/34/233-272)

508 **RESOLVED** to proceed through the “reserved” paragraphs consecutively (or as decided) and to resolve action before proceeding through to the next reserved item.

A. Environment and Leisure Committee

509.1 Minute 203 – Common Pond – Model Boats

Councillor Coltman said that it would be a major mistake to allow the use of more model boats on the Common Pond.

Other members responded that there was not a problem and the only time it could be would be during the bird breeding season.

509.2 **RESOLVED** that the Environment and Leisure Committee review this resolution in one year’s time.

Minute 204 – Life Buoys

510 Councillor Coltman asked for clarification of the Council’s policy on replacement of life buoys

- No Change to Minute recommendation

511.1 Minute 209 – Maurice Thornton Playing Field/Western Road Recreation Ground – Hailsham Bonfire Society

Councillor Bentley-Astor was concerned that if the Bonfire Society used the Western Road Recreation Ground the sheer volume of people would cause damage to it.

The Town Clerk reported that Hillreed has confirmed that the Bonfire Society could use their land this year for their celebrations.

Councillor Mrs. Henstock thanked Councillor P. Holbrook and Miss K. Moralee for their work on this project.

- No change to minute recommendation

C. Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

512 Minute 282 – Minute 255 – Purchase of Tools

512.1 Councillor R. Kempe declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for this Agenda item. Cllr. I. Haffenden took the Chair during Cllr. Kempe's absence.

512.2 Councillor N. Coltman said that he wanted to reiterate what he said in Committee that he was concerned about how it would be seen by the public. That was why he had voted against the resolution.

Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley stated that she was concerned that the list of tools to be purchased was provided so late and was incomplete.

Councillor P. Holbrook said as a person who used tools in his working life it was his opinion that the Council was getting a good deal.

Councillor W. A. Bentley asked if legal opinion had been sought.

The Town Clerk responded that it hadn't as what had been resolved was in order as the Council had approached Councillor Kempe as the tools were needed by the Council.

- No change the report recommendation.

512.3 Cllr. R. Kempe rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

513.1 Minute 257 – Hailsham War Memorial Trust Institute

Councillor Coltman said the minute should be amended to read "on receipt of a letter from the Trust."

513.2 **RESOLVED** to amend minute to incorporate "on receipt of a letter from the Trust. "

514.1 Minute 267 – Hailsham Memorial – Vicarage Field

Councillor Coltman stated that the minute should include where the £500 grant towards the publication costs would be coming from.

514.2 **RESOLVED** to add that the £500 should come from unallocated Grant money.

Motion 150

515.1 Councillor G. Rowe proposed the following motion as submitted to the Town Clerk in accordance with Standing Orders 13-18:

515.2 "It be resolved that Hailsham Town Council is unable to advance monies either in the form of a grant or a loan for the repair and/or refurbishment of the Hailsham Community Hall."

515.3 Discussion ensued and Councillor J. Garvican proposed an amendment to delete "is unable to" and insert "will not".

- 515.4 Cllr. G. Rowe as proposer of Motion 150 accepted the amendment.
- 515.5 **RESOLVED** that Hailsham Town Council will not advance monies either in the form of a grant or a loan for the repair and/or refurbishment of the Hailsham Community Hall.”
- 515.6 Councillor Blake requested that his abstention from voting be recorded.

Appointment of Council Representative – St. John the Baptist Hospital Trust

- 516 **RESOLVED** that Mr. Robert Peasgood is reappointed as Hailsham Town Council representative to the St. John the Baptist Hospital Trust.

Royal Wedding 29th April 2011 – Prince William of Wales and Catherine Middleton

- 517 Members were asked to consider the Town Council’s participation, if any in the celebrations.

RESOLVED to fly the Union Flag on the day of the wedding.

Parish Elections – 5th May 2011

- 518.1 Members were asked to consider whether or not to request Wealden District Council to issue separate polling cards for the Town Council elections on 5th May 2011. Wealden District Council would be issuing polling cards for their election also to be held on that date.

- 518.2 **RESOLVED** that separate polling cards for Hailsham Town Council elections should not be issued, but request that Wealden District Council add to their polling cards advising that there are also Town Council elections taking place.

English National Concessionary Fares Scheme – Cuckmere Community Bus

- 519.1 Copies of the officer’s report were circulated with the Agenda.
- 519.2 **RESOLVED** to fund the concession from April 2011, and reviewed in the autumn.

Relocation of Town Post Office

- 520 The Town Clerk stated that no updated information was available.

Town Mayor’s Report

- 521 None presented.

Councillors’ Questions/Information Forum

- 522 Councillor J. Bentley-Astor said that the new Council should look again at the resolution to restrict the rail card refund to £15.00.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.33pm.

CHAIRMAN