



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 15th March 2010 at 8.00 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed councillors and press.

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.

None presented.

HTC/09/4/500 **Present:** Councillors J.E. Bentley-Astor (Vice Chairman), J.L. Blake B.F. Burchmore, R.E.C. Burnett, B. Cock, N.S. Coltman, Mrs. S.P.M. Cottingham, W.F. Crittenden, Mrs. D.S. Haffenden, I.G. Haffenden (Chairman) Mrs. S.E. Henstock, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P. Holbrook, Mrs. C. Kempe, R. F. Kempe, J. Puttick, Mrs. M. Rowe and G.G. Rowe.

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

502 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors G. Canning, J. H. Garvican and T. W. Haffenden.

Declarations of Interest

503 None received.

Police Report

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

Councillor Puttick noted that PCSO Sue Choppin had been off duty with a broken leg and asked for confirmation that Hailsham Town Council would not be meeting the costs of a PCSO whilst she was away. The Town Clerk responded that the Town Council would not be charged.

Councillor Blake stated that parking on the footpath outside Budgen's store in Upper Horsebridge had again become a problem and asked if the police had any powers to stop motorists doing this as pedestrians had to walk in the road. The Town Clerk stated that the issue would be raised at the meeting with East Sussex County Council Highways Department, which the police attended.

504.2 **RESOLVED** to note Sgt. Nevill's report, as circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/09/4/504A to these minutes.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

505 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/09/3/400-420) held on 14th December 2009, as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

506 **Matters Arising**

None presented.

507 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the extra-ordinary meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/09/3x/421-428) held on 25th January 2010, as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

508 **Matters Arising**

None presented.

509 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the extra-ordinary meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/09/3xx/429-434) held on 19th February 2010, as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman be taken under Confidential Business at the end of the meeting.

Adoption of Standing Committee Reports (Minutes)

510.1 **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.

510.2 A. **Environment and Leisure Committee** - 15th February 2010 (ref: EL/09/4/237-245)

510.3 B. **Burials and Properties Committee** - 22nd February 2010 (ref: BP/09/4/246- 258)

510.4 C. **Finance, Policy and Resources Committee** - 1st March 2010 (ref: FPR/09/3/259-298)

511 **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**

512.1 Minute 244 – Skateboard Park

Councillor Coltman said that Mr. Tony Tack who had worked tirelessly for the young people of Hailsham, particularly on Town Farm, had died recently and suggested that it would be appropriate for any new skateboard ramp to be named the "The Tony

Tack Memorial Skateboard Ramp”.

The Town Clerk said that she had met with Mr. Tack on the Tuesday before he died and they had discussed the possibility of a small, narrow ramp being placed on the Maurice Thornton Playing Field.

512.2 - No change to report recommendation.

C. Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

513.1 Minute 282 – Members’ Allowances 2010-2011

Councillor Burchmore asked how much the Remuneration Panel had agreed should be payable to members. The Town Clerk responded that the Panel had not yet reported.

513.2 - No change the report recommendation.

514.1 Minute 283 – Community Buildings/Land/Public Open Space – Land in Battle Road

The Town Clerk stated that she had reached agreement with the owner of the adjacent land about the siting of a skateboard ramp, but could not say at this stage if planning permission would be required, and if so, granted.

Officers were talking to suppliers of the equipment.

514.2 - No change to report recommendation.

515.1 Minute 293 – Community Projects/Partnerships – CCTV Monitoring

The Town Clerk reported that she had met with Inspector Wakefield of Sussex Police. He had investigated the possibility of using the monitoring room in Eastbourne to monitor Crowborough and Hailsham via the police system and remotely view Uckfield and Heathfield via the internet. This would effectively give Wealden CCTV.

515.2 **RESOLVED** to continue discussions with Sussex Police on the basis of the Town Clerk’s report.

516.1 Minute 294 – Public Conveniences – Vicarage Field

The Deputy Town Clerk’s report had been circulated before the meeting. Discussion ensued.

516.2 **RESOLVED** to agree in principle the Deputy Town Clerk’s report as circulated and as Appendix HTC/09/4/516A to these minutes; and to delegate the choice of consultant to the Chairmen of the Council and Committees and Councillor P. Holbrook in a non-voting capacity, and that no turnstile be included in the design at this stage but to make provision for one in the future, if required; and that £60,000 remained the budget for this project.

Minute 295 – Community Hall Management Committee

- 517.1 Councillor Blake Councillor Blake declared a Prejudicial Interest in this Agenda item as he is a trustee of the War Memorial Institute Trust.
- 517.2 **RESOLVED** to note the Town Clerk's report as circulated with the agenda and as Appendix HTC/09/4/517A to these minutes.

Standing Orders

- 518 **RESOLVED** to permanently vary Hailsham Town Council's Standing Orders, as proposed and seconded at the meeting of the Town Council held on 14th December 2009 at Minute HTC/09/3/416.

Councillors' Questions/Information Forum

- 519 The Town Clerk stated that she and the Planning Consultation Panel Clerk had attended a presentation form Wealden District Council and from April 2010 all planning applications in relation to Hailsham would be via a powerpoint presentation.

Confidential Business

- 520 **RESOLVED** that due to the special and confidential nature of the matters to be discussed, and possible disclosure of personal or legal information not in the public interest at the present time, the following items of business be transacted following exclusion of members of the public and press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Order number 5.

- 521 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

CHAIRMAN

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