



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 16th March 2009 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/08/4/500 **Present:** Councillors J.E. Bentley-Astor (Vice Chairman), J.L. Blake B.F. Burchmore, R.E.C. Burnett, G. Canning, B. Cock, N.S. Coltman, Mrs. S.P.M. Cottingham, W.F. Crittenden, J.N. Ellwood, Mrs. M. A. Ellwood, J. Glover, 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).

Apologies for Absence:

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

Declarations of Interest

503 Councillor Blake declared a Prejudicial Interest in Agenda item 5.1 – Loan to the War memorial Institute (re. Community Hall) (Ref: FPR/08/4/258) as he is a trustee.

Police Report

504 **RESOLVED** to note Inspector Richard Allum's report, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, and as Appendix HTC/08/4/504A to these minutes.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

505.1 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of the Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/08/3/400-420) held on 15th December 2008 as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- 505.2 None presented.
- 506.1 Councillor P. Holbrook stated that he had requested that his abstention from voting be recorded on the Masterplan. (Minute reference HTC/08/3x/431).
- 506.2 **RESOLVED** to amend the minutes to include Cllr. Holbrook's abstention.
- 507.1 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of the Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/08/3x/426-433) held on 26th January 2009 as printed and circulated, be amended, taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- 507.2 None presented.

Adoption of Standing Committee Reports (Minutes)

- 508 **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.

A. **Environment and Leisure Committee** - 16th February 2009 (ref: EL/08/4/241-226)

B. **Burials and Properties Committee** - 23rd March 2009 (ref: BP/08/4/227- 239)

C. **Finance, Policy and Resources Committee** - 2nd March 2009 (ref: FPR/08/3/240-276)

- 509 **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

- 510.1 Minute 222 – Western Road Recreation Ground

Councillor J. N. Ellwood stated that since the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee Hailsham Cricket Club had reviewed the location of the cricket nets and have formally requested that they are re-located next to the pavilion, on the side nearest the road.

- 510.2 **RESOLVED** to delegate this item to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee and the Town Clerk to progress.

B. Burials and Properties Committee

- 511.1 Minute 239 – Union Corner Hall

Councillor J. Glover stated that there was a typographical error in the minute. He praised the work of the Union Corner Hall Management Committee.

- 511.2 **RESOLVED** to
- (a) amend the minute to read “Councillor Ellwood declared a personal interest in this Agenda item as one of the companies tendering for the work to Union Corner Hall was a client of his company”, and
 - (b) record Councillor Glover’s appreciation of the excellent work undertaken by the Union Corner Hall Management Committee.

C. Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

- 512 Minute 272 – Community Projects/Partnerships – Public Conveniences – Vicarage Field

Councillor J. N. Ellwood advised that discussions with Wealden District Council were progressing well and that an extra-ordinary meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee would be held to consider any proposals; followed by a meeting of the full Council.

Councillors’ Question/Information Forum

- 513 **Youth Intervention Programme**

The Chairman advised members who had been unable to attend the presentation prior to this meeting given by Firefighter Jason Hull on the Youth Intervention Programme being trialled by the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, that an open invitation had been given for Members to visit Hailsham Fire Station if they wished to learn more about the project.

- 514 **Quarterly Police Report**

Councillor Blake requested that the Police are reminded that Hailsham Town Council also represents part of Hellingly and that this should be reflected in their Police Report to Council.

- 515 **Town Crier**

Councillor J. N. Ellwood thanked Councillor G. G. Rowe for agreeing to act as Town Crier for major events for a year’s trial period.

- 516.1 **Liaison with County Councillors**

Highways : Councillor J. N. Ellwood stated that County Councillors W. A. Bentley and J. R. Thomas had attended the meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on the 2nd March 2009 and had spoken on their areas of responsibility. He was pleased to say that road works that had been reported had started in Marshfoot Lane and were due to start in Diplocks Way on 23rd March. Installation of the long awaited footway on the corner of Gleneagles Drive and Diplocks Way (in front of Chandlers) has commenced.

- 516.2 Youth Provision : Councillor Bentley had spoken in respect of youth provision in Hailsham. Councillor J. N. Ellwood and the Town Clerk had met with Police Inspector Allum on 13th March 2009 and had discussed services for young people in Hailsham. He stated that there would always be an element of young people who didn’t want to join organised clubs and the provision of youth shelters was being considered.

Following approval of the committee recommendation that evening, plans could now proceed for a new youth facility at the Maurice Thornton Pavilion. Councillor Ellwood stressed that young people in Hailsham had numerous and varied facilities.

- 516.3 Shop Local Campaign : Councillor J. N. Ellwood stated that negotiations were ongoing with the Hailsham and District Chamber of Commerce in respect of loyalty cards to be used in shops in the Town.
- 516.4 Advertising on Telephone Kiosks : Councillor Mrs. M. Rowe asked why advertising was allowed on the telephone kiosk in Market Square. The Town Clerk responded that British Telecom would be contacted.
- 516.5 The Town Clerk reminded members of the Annual Town meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on 22nd April 2009, in Hailsham Community Hall. All chairmen should provide their annual report by 31st March 2009.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

CHAIRMAN

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