

**HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HAILSHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE**

**REPORT** (Minutes) of the meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee, held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices, Market Street, Hailsham, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm.

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 the direction of this committee).

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110 **Present:** Cllrs R. T. Grocock, Mrs M. Rowe and Mrs M. Skinner; Mrs D. Bentley-Astor, Mr J. Bentley-Astor, Mr J. Lister, Mr G. Mason, Ms S. Mulley, Mr J. Ratcliffe, Mrs L. Woodley and Mr G. Yates.

111 **Officers Present:** T. Hall (Committee Clerk).

112 **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs J. Bentley, Cllr W. Bentley, Cllr Mrs. M. Burt and Mrs J. McAlone.

**Declarations of Interest**

113 None were received.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

114 **RESOLVED** to note that the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee (Ref: HIB/13/7/97-109) held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were confirmed as being a correct record.

**Matters Arising**

115 None were received.

**Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery Site**

116 The Chairman reported that the seeds in the poly-tunnel plant nursery are still germinating and the 'Plot To Plate' project has been delayed due to the ground being saturated with water following recent heavy rainfall. Work will continue on-site soon, including the levelling of the ground in preparation for installation of the four plant beds and general tidying of the area.

**Hailsham Wildlife Trail**

117.1 The Committee Clerk reported that Mrs Janet Simes and the Hailsham U3A Natural History Group are still in the process of conducting wildlife and biodiversity surveys at various points in the town. Their findings will be collated and incorporated into the Hailsham Wildlife Trail Map & Guide, which will be published in time for the South & South East in Bloom judges' tour and assessment of the town in July.

117.2 Sites and locations of interest for the Hailsham Wildlife Trail determined to date include the Common Pond, Hailsham Parish Church grounds, Hailsham Country Park, Cuckoo Trail, ancient hedgeland near Orchard Park, the pond

close to Anglesey Avenue, Factory Lane, Coopers Way and the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden.

**Hailsham 'Litter Pick Day'**

- 118.1 The Chairman reported that, due to timing issues and the amount of Hailsham In Bloom projects to be completed in the coming months, Hailsham In Bloom will be unable to assist in Computers For Charities' Litter Pick Day project.

**Hailsham In Bloom Public Information Day**

- 119.1 The Committee Clerk reiterated from the previous meeting that there is a vacant retail unit available in the town centre which can be used to house the next Hailsham In Bloom Public Information Day event to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 from 9am to 1pm. Final confirmation of the availability of the unit will be obtained in due course.
- 119.2 The Chairman advised that South East Water and Wealden District Council should be asked to attend the public open day to promote water conservation and recycling respectively, as they have done in previous years. Mr J. Bentley-Astor suggested that the South Down National Park Authority and/or Hailsham Horticultural Society should also be invited to attend the public information day.
- 119.3 The Committee Clerk stated that he will prepare and arrange to distribute the relevant publicity material required to promote the event in the coming weeks.

**Questions/Information Forum (at the Chairman's discretion)**

- 120 The Chairman announced that additional maintenance and tidying work at the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and requested the attendance of volunteers on the day.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

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