



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 Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

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/12/4/175 **Present:** Councillors: Mrs. S. J. Bentley, W. A. Bentley, J.E. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), J. L. Blake, Mrs. M. Burt, Ms C. Collinson, N. A. Collinson, N. S. Coltman, Mrs. J. Cook, R. T. Grocock (Vice Chairman), Mrs. S. E. Henstock, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P. S. Holbrook, B. Marlowe, S. McAuliffe, Mrs. M. Rowe, Mrs. D. M. Ryan, M. J. Ryan, Mrs. M. Skinner, and C. Triandafyllou.

178 **Officers in Attendance:** J. Harrison (Town Clerk), D. Saxby and T. Hall.

179 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors W. A. Bentley, W. F. Crittenden and G.G. Rowe.

180 **Declarations of Interest**

None presented.

Community Policing

181 **Police Report**

Sgt. Howard Nevill spoke to and answered questions in respect of the report circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/4/181A to these minutes.

Sgt. Nevill stated that there would be a knife amnesty and a knife awareness campaign commencing on 24th September and lasting four weeks. Bins would be provided at Hailsham Police Station

Street Light Presentation

182.1 The Chairman introduced Ms Fiona Wellings of East Sussex County Council who spoke about East Sussex County Council's scheme to reduce and turn off street lights throughout the county from 12.30am to 5.00am.

She said that the scheme had been passed by the ESCC Cabinet in April and would be rolled out throughout East Sussex apart from Eastbourne and Hastings. To date Uckfield, Crowborough, Heathfield, Seaford, Newhaven, Peacehaven and Lewes had been completed. All East Sussex County Council street lights would be involved in the scheme and Hailsham Town Council was asked if it wanted its lights to be included.

The scheme would start in Hailsham in early November and a public engagement event would be held at Hailsham Town Council on 5th October 2012; this would include the police.

Discussion ensued.

182.2 **RESOLVED** that Hailsham participate in the scheme in principle, subject to police and public involvement.

183 Councillor B. Marlowe entered the meeting at 7.50pm.

184 **Addition to the Agenda**

The Chairman requested permission to add an item to the agenda in respect of a request by Wealden District Council for an input to the naming of a new road in Hailsham. This was agreed, and became agenda item 12.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

185.1 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/12/3/147-166) held on 18th June 2012 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

185.2 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the Extra-ordinary meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/12/X/167-174) held on 6th August 2012 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

186 No matters arising.

187 **Committee and Panel Reports**

RESOLVED, after consideration in accordance with Standing Order 18(e), to receive the following reports of Committees, to approve and adopt the recommendations contained therein and the actions taken as reported therein.

A. Planning and Development Committee meetings (17th July 2012, 7th August 2012 and 28th August 2012

B. Finance and Budget Oversight Committee (25th July 2012) and 5th September 2012)

C. Business Development Committee (5th September 2012)

Finance and Budget Oversight Committee – 5th September 2012

188 Minute 66.1 – Outdoor Gym

Councillor Coltman congratulated those involved in the provision of the outdoor gym in Western Road Recreation Ground.

No change to Minute.

189.1 Minute 69.1 – Hellingly Precept

Councillor Coltman expressed concern that the situation concerning the subsidy of the Hellingly Parish Council precept would not be resolved until at least 2013/14.

The Chairman said the issue was subject to a legal agreement.

189.2 **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to investigate what can be legally changed to the agreement and report back to the Council within six months,

190 Business Development Panel – 5th September 2012

Councillor N. Collinson reminded members of the launch of the Town Team scheme on Friday 14th September.

He thanked the Business Enterprise Manger for all his work in organising the event and this was reiterated by the Chairman.

No change to the Minute.

Option Agreement Over Land at Hailsham Retail Park

191.1 The Town Clerk stated that this item had been referred from the extra-ordinary meeting on 6th August.

191.2 **RESOLVED** to sign the Option Agreement as circulated with the agenda and as Appendix HTC/12/4/191A to these minutes, subject to Council solicitors' recommendation and agreement.

192.3 Councillor P. Holbrook requested that his abstention from voting on this agenda item be recorded.

Land Behind Cooper's Way

193.1 Members considered the officer's report circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/12/4/193A to these minutes.

193.2 **RESOLVED** to grant the continuation of the process begun with the original request by agreeing to the variation of the section 106 agreement; and for the Town Clerk to pursue this process by informing the Town Council's Solicitors (Hart Reade), liaising with Persimmon Homes and entering into negotiations with UK Power Networks on the sale of the land.

Outdoor Works Team

194 Schedule of Works

RESOLVED to note the latest works schedule detailing the planned programme of works by the Outdoor Works Team over the next six months.

195 Works Request Form

RESOLVED to agree to implement a works request form for all future requests for work carried out by the Outdoor Works Team with addition that staffing costs be included.

Steam Cleaners

196.1 The Town Clerk introduced this item and members discussed the officer's report circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/12/4/196A to these minutes.

196.2 **RESOLVED** to reduce the number of working pressure washers from two to one and dismantle the redundant unit to use as spares.

Economic Regeneration Project

197.1 The Town Clerk said that at a meeting on 4th September 2012 between Hailsham Town Council and Wealden District Council it had been revealed that between £30,000 and £50,000 could be available for regeneration funding. He asked for ideas and schemes this could be for, if successful.

Discussion ensued.

197.2 **RESOLVED** that the soon to be formed Town Team put forward a proposal for funding and it will be called the Town Team Fund. Councillors would be encouraged to feed in ideas to the Town Team.

Councillors' Questions/Information Forum

198 New Road

The Town Clerk stated that East Sussex County Council had asked for Hailsham Town Council's views on the name of a new road near Hempstead Lane.

Following discussion it was agreed to submit the name Olympic Way.

199 Mr. A. Williams

The Chairman said that Mr Williams had resigned as a councillor. He thanked him for his service to the public.

200 South and South East in Bloom

Councillor Grocock said that the judging of South and South East in Bloom would take place in Fareham on 13th September 2012.

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

CHAIRMAN

