



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

## **Public Question Time**

Prior to commencement of the remaining 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.

HTC/12/7/238 **Present:** Councillors: Mrs. S. J. Bentley (Chairman), W. A. Bentley, J. L. Blake, Ms C. Collinson, W. F. Crittenden, R. T. Grocock (Vice Chairman), Mrs. S. E. Henstock, P. S. Holbrook, B. Marlowe, S. McAuliffe, G. G. Rowe, Mrs. M. Rowe, M. J. Ryan, Mrs. M. Skinner and C. Triandafyllou.

239 **Officers in Attendance:** J. Harrison (Town Clerk), M Caira (Deputy Town Clerk), D. Saxby and T. Hall.

240 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors B. F. Burchmore, Mrs. M. Burt, N. A. Collinson, N. S. Coltman, Mrs. J. Cook, Mrs B. Holbrook and Mrs. D Ryan.

241 **Declarations of Interest**

None presented.

## **Community Policing**

### **Police Report**

242.1 Inspector T. Wakefield of Sussex Police addressed the meeting and invited questions.

242.2 Councillor Blake asked if there was any evidence that the street lights being turned off after midnight had increased crime and anti-social behaviour. Inspector Wakefield responded that there was none and the lack of light may have in fact reduced problems.

243.3 Councillor McAuliffe asked if the Police had the power to enforce dog fouling by-laws. Inspector Wakefield said that he was discussing this issue with Wealden District Council.

243.4 **RESOLVED** to note the Police Report as circulated with the agenda and as Appendix HTC/12/7/243A to these minutes.

## Priorities

244.1 Councillor Bentley said it had been some time since the last priorities had been set for the Hailsham Town Council sponsored PCSO. He wanted a short-term priority to be the PCSO helping elderly, vulnerable people to understand the dangers of potential scams during the Christmas period.

244.2 **RESOLVED** that the Hailsham Town Council sponsored PCSO work with elderly, vulnerable people to understand the dangers of potential scams during the Christmas period.

## 245 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/12/6/216-237) held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

## 246 **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

## 247 **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. Business Development Committee (21<sup>st</sup> November 2012)

### **Wealden District Council Offices**

248.1 The Town Clerk introduced the officers' report circulated with the agenda.

248.2 Councillor W. Bentley stated that he was of the opinion that the offer from Wealden District Council for office space for Hailsham Town Council staff was not acceptable as it stood and, therefore, should not proceed. He was concerned that Hailsham Town Council would lose its identity without a discreet area in the Vicarage Road site and that it was important for it to retain a high street presence where local people felt comfortable to wander in.

248.3 Other members who spoke were in agreement with Councillor Bentley.

248.4 Councillor Blake stated that members of staff should be consulted at every stage of negotiations with Wealden District Council.

248.5 **RESOLVED** to charge the Town Clerk to talk to officers of Wealden District Council to ascertain what concessions can be made to meet the needs of Hailsham Town Council; and to set up a working party comprising Councillors Coltman, Mrs Skinner and Triandafyllou to investigate the possibility of the digitalisation of all paperwork and report back to Council.

### **Wealden Bus Alliance**

- 249.1 Members discussed the report circulated with the agenda.
- 249.2 **RESOLVED** to note the report circulated with the agenda and as Appendix HTC/12/7/249A to these minutes.

### **Hailsham Extra Care and Supported Developments**

- 250.1 Councillor W. Bentley declared a personal interest in this agenda item as he the lead member at East Sussex County Council with responsibility for adult social care.
- 250.2 Members considered a request from East Sussex County Council for suggestions for names for two sheltered housing schemes.
- 250.3 **RESOLVED** to suggest to East Sussex County Council that the preferred names for the two new sheltered homes be Savoy House and Saxon House.

### **251 Councillors' Questions/Information Forum**

None presented.

There being no other business, the Chairman wished everyone a merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year and closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

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