



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 18th April 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.

Mrs M Kitcher from the Hailsham Historical Society asked for Hailsham Town Council's assistance in persuading Wealden District Council in making Number 2-4 North Street a Listed Building.

Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley responded that this had been investigated before and as large parts of the building were not original Listing would be unlikely to happen.

HTC/11/11/354 **Present:** Councillors: Mrs. S. J. Bentley, W. A. Bentley, J.E. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), J. L. Blake, Mrs. M. Burt, Ms C. V. Collinson, N. A. Collinson, Mrs. J. Cook, R. T. Grocock (Vice Chairman), Mrs. B. Holbrook, P.S. Holbrook, B. Marlowe, G. G. Rowe, Mrs D. M. Ryan, M. J. Ryan, Mrs. M. Skinner, C. Triandafyllou and A. Williams.

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

356 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors N. S. Coltman, W. F. Crittenden, Mrs. S. E. Henstock, S. McAuliffe, Mrs M. Rowe and S. Towner.

357 **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

358 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of the Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/11/10/327-353) held on 21st March 2012, as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

359 **Matters Arising**

Councillor W. Bentley asked why there was no Police Report on the agenda. The Town Clerk responded that it had been agreed that in future Police Reports would be on a quarterly basis.

360 **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. Hailsham in Bloom Committee (Meeting held on 26 March 2012)
- B. Planning & Development Committee (Meeting held on 3rd April 2012)
- C. Business Development Committee (Meeting held on 12th April 2012)

Planning & Development Committee – 3rd April 2012

361 Minute 237 – ESCC Planning Applications – WD/633/CH Ripley & Co, Apex Way

Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley had queried whether H. Ripley & Co would be providing £5,000 funding to Hailsham Town Council for an ecological mitigation. Officers were asked to investigate.

- No change to the minute.

Business Development Committee – 12th April 2012

362 Minute 46 – Stakeholder Involvement and Consultation

Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley said that a meeting had been held with doctors, practitioners and members of the outgoing Primary Care Trust on 17th April 2012. All surgeries had been represented and it had been a productive meeting. They were keen to work with the Town Council and would be willing to attend the Annual Town Meeting on 8th May 2012.

- No change to the minute.

363 **Youth Café – Quarterly Report**

RESOLVED to note the report prepared by the Youth Coordinator, Andy Joyes as circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/11/11/363A to these minutes.

Youth Mayor

364.1 The Town Clerk introduced this agenda item and discussion ensued.

364.2 **RESOLVED** to approve the arrangements for the election of a Youth Mayor for Hailsham for the coming Council year, as set out in officer's report circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/11/11/364A to these minutes.

“Silver Surfers” Event

365.1 Councillor W. A. Bentley declared a personal interest as he is the portfolio holder for Adult Social Care at East Sussex County Council.

365.2 **RESOLVED** to approve the proposal to organise a “Silver Surfers” event in collaboration with the Youth Café, Wealden Senior Citizen's Partnership and Hailsham Community College, as set out in the officer's report circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/11/11/365A to these minutes.

Internal Auditor

- 366.1 The Town Clerk stated that he had been advised that it was not the practice to change the Internal Auditor as frequently as previously reported, and as he and the Finance Officer were new to their respective posts he proposed retaining the services of the current Internal Auditor for one more year.
- 366.2 **RESOLVED** to retain the services of Mr. J. Roberts as Internal Auditor to Hailsham Town Council for the 2012/13 year.

367 **Annual Report**

RESOLVED to approve the production of the Town Council's Annual Report as proposed in the officer's report as circulated with agenda, and as Appendix HTC/11/11/367A to these minutes.

368 **Cricket Club Report**

RESOLVED that Hailsham Town Council as land owner has no objections to Hailsham Cricket Club erecting a second sign to Western Road Recreation Ground as outlined in the officer's report as circulated with agenda, and as Appendix HTC/11/11/368A to these minutes.

4 Market Square

- 369.1 The Town Clerk introduced this agenda item and discussion ensued.
- 369.2 **RESOLVED** to offer 4 Market Square for rent as a commercial property and to delegate the matter to the Town Clerk to achieve the best possible annual rent at no lower than the outgoing tenant.

Councillors' Questions/Information Forum

370 Hailsham Town Football Club

Councillor Blake said that Hailsham Town Football Club were on the verge of promotion to Division one of the Sussex County League. If successful, it was agreed that the Chairman write to the club offering the Council's congratulations.

371 Mayoral Chain

The Chairman stated that the Mayoral chain had been mended and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee badge had been added.

372 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Garden

The Chairman thanked Councillor Grocock and the Council's outdoor team for the work they had done on the Queen Diamond Jubilee Garden.

373 Code of Conduct

The Town Clerk reported that the current Code of Conduct would end on 1st July 2012. Wealden District Council would be developing their own Code of Conduct

that parish and town councils would be encouraged to sign up to. Council would have to adopt the Wealden District Council Code of Conduct or an amended version before 1st July 2012.

374 Town Flag

Councillor Mrs. Bentley had discovered that the Council possessed a town flag. It was agreed to fly this flag permanently at the War Memorial.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.38pm.

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CHAIRMAN