



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 20th June 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.

Mr Adams spoke in respect of the Asda Supermarket development in the old Co-op site. He asked what Hailsham Town Council's role was in the planning process, particularly in relation to the parking situation.

Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley responded that as Asda were moving into the Co-op site there would be no development of the existing North Street car park and the parking levels would remain as now.

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2/122 **Present:** Councillors: Mrs. S. J. Bentley, W. A. Bentley, J.E. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), J. L. Blake, Mrs. M. Burt, N. A. Collinson, R. T. Grocock (Vice Chairman), Mrs. S. E. Henstock, B. Marlowe, Mrs. M. Rowe, G. G. Rowe, M. J. Ryan, S. Towner and C. Triandafyllou.

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

Apologies for Absence:

124 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Ms. C. Collinson, N. S. Coltman, Mrs. J. Cook, W. F. Crittenden Mrs. B. Holbrook, P.S. Holbrook, S. McAuliffe, Mrs. D. Ryan, Mrs. M. Skinner and A. Williams.

Declarations of Interest

125 None declared.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

126 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of the Annual meeting of Hailsham Town Council (Ref: HTC/AM12/100-121) held on 23rd May 2012 were inaccurate and would be confirmed as a correct meeting at the Council meeting on 18th July 2012.

Matters Arising

127 None.

Committee and Panel Reports

128 **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 (Meetings held on 28th May & 13th June 2012)
- B. Finance and Budget Oversight Committee (Meeting held on 11th June 2012)
- C. Planning & Development Committee (Meeting held on 12th June 2012)
- D. Business Development Committee (Meeting held on 14th June 2012)

Hailsham in Bloom Committee – 13th June 2012

129 Minute 22 – Creation of Diamond Jubilee Garden

Councillor Grocock thanked members who attended the opening of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Rose Garden on 2nd June 2012, and helped make it a great success. The next event would be the South and South East in Bloom judging day on 19th July 2012.

No Change to the minute.

Planning & Development Committee – 12th June 2012

130.1 Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley stated approximately 100 members of the public attended the Planning and Development Committee on 12th June 2012 as two major plans were being discussed – Ersham Farm and Oaklands in Ersham Road.

130.2 Because of this level of interest Councillor Mrs. Bentley proposed that Hailsham Town Council arrange for coaches to take people to the Planning South meeting of Wealden District Council at Crowborough on 19th July 2012, as Wealden District Council had refused to move the meeting to the Boship Hotel.

130.3 **RESOLVED** that Hailsham Town Council make a formal representation to Wealden District Council to move the Planning South meeting on 19th July 2012 to the Boship Hotel, Hailsham; and as a contingency plan investigate the viability of hiring a coach(es) to take residents of Hailsham to the meeting in Crowborough.

Community Policing

Police Report

131.1 Councillor Towner raised the issue of security at the Maurice Thornton Playing Field and agreed to write to the Town Clerk with his concerns.

131.2 Councillor Collinson spoke in respect of Community Speedwatch scheme. He stated that there was a group meeting in Hailsham North on Friday 22nd June 2012.

131.3 Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley reported that she was in the process of arranging a meeting to discuss the Diplocks Ball Park.

131.4 **RESOLVED** to note the Police report as circulated with the agenda, and as Appendix HTC/12/2/131A to these minutes.

Priorities

- 132 **RESOLVED** to arrange an environmental walk instigated by Councillors W. A. Bentley and Mrs. Burt, starting at Vega Close.

Amendments to Standing Orders

- 133 **RESOLVED** to defer this agenda item to the next Council meeting on 18th July 2012.

Appointment to HTC Health Partnership

- 134.1 This agenda item had been deferred from the Annual Meeting on 23rd May 2012 to enable opposition parties to make a nomination for a place on the HTC Health Partnership.
- 134.2 **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor J. L. Blake to the HTC Health Partnership.

Oversight Councillors

- 135 **RESOLVED** to:
- a) agree the timetable for the production of oversight councillors to Council as circulated with the agenda, amended an attached as Appendix HTC/12/2/135A to these minutes,
 - b) agree the newly appointed Oversight Councillor' representation for Hailsham Town Council on external committees and voluntary organisations as circulated with the agenda, amended and as Appendix HTC/12/2/135A to these minutes,
 - c) Defer the decision on the representation to the Wealden District Council Management Committee to the next meeting,
 - d) Hailsham Chamber of Commerce to be Councillor N. Collinson,
 - e) Wealden Local Strategic Partnership was no longer appropriate to appoint, and
 - f) Councillor Mrs. J. Cook did not wish to sit on the Citizens Advice Bureau

Code of Conduct

- 136.1 The Town Clerk introduced this agenda item and discussion ensued.
- 136.2 **RESOLVED** to adopt the Model Code of Conduct as circulated with the agenda and as Appendix HTC/12/2/136A to these minutes.
- 136.3 Councillor W. A. Bentley made a personal statement that when declaring a prejudicial interest under the new Hailsham Town Council Code of Conduct it would also need to be notified to the Monitoring Officer at East Sussex County Council as the County Council were operating a different Code to Hailsham Town Council.

Social Media

- 137.1 The Town Clerk introduced this agenda item and discussion ensued.
- 137.2 **RESOLVED** to agree the introduction of Social Media into the Council's existing online presence, as outlined in the officer's report circulated with the agenda and as Appendix HTC/12/2/137A to these minutes, subject to the provision of the necessary anti-virus software.

Town Farm Residents' Boot Fair

- 138.1 Councillor Towner declared in Personal Interest in this agenda item.
- 138.2 Councillor Towner stated that a Boot Fair held on the Maurice Thornton Playing Field had been a complete success and asked for Hailsham Town Council's agreement to hold regular Boot fairs on the Field.
- 138.3 Councillor W. A. Bentley expressed some concerns over the regular use of the Playing Field as a site for the Boot Fair. These were the need for a grounds maintenance agreement between the Town Farm Residents' Association and Hailsham Town Council and supporting the Association to work with the police and Trading Standards to avoid stolen goods being sold.
- 138.4 Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley proposed that a trial period of six boot fairs take place between May and August 2012, subject Hailsham Town Council having sight of the insurance details and an assurance that the fairs would not clash with the needs of Hailsham United Junior Football Club.
- 138.5 On being put to the vote this proposal was carried by 9 votes to 2.
- 138.6 **RESOLVED** to agree to trial period of six boot fairs take place between May and August 2012, subject Hailsham Town Council having sight of the insurance details and an assurance that the fairs would not clash with the needs of Hailsham United Junior Football Club.

Youth Mayor Expenses

- 139.1 The Chairman introduced this agenda item and some discussion ensued.
- 139.2 **RESOLVED** to allocate £250 from Contingency Funds as expenses for the Youth Mayor.

Councillors' Questions/Information Forum

- 140 Cuckoo Trail
Councillor Triandafyllou stated that he was involved in a scheme to tidy up the Cuckoo Trail and asked other councillors to advertise the scheme.
- 141 Mile Post – Horsebridge
Councillor Blake asked if the Planning and Development Committee would write to Wealden District Council requesting that they list the mile post at Horsebridge
- 142 Complaint Against the Council
Councillor G Rowe spoke in respect of a complaint received against the Council and the subsequent email from the complainant to all councillors; he stated that members of the Hailsham Independent Group had not been involved in "secret meetings" as alleged.

143 Community Speedwatch

Councillor N. Collinson stated that the Community Speedwatch scheme needed volunteers.

144 4 Market Square

The Town Clerk reported that the firm of solicitors who had expressed an interest in renting 4 Market Square did no longer want to move there.

145 Queen's Birthday Honours

Councillor W. Bentley advised Council that PC Kate Brookman and Mr. Trevor Weeks had been recognised in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to congratulate them and invite them to a future meeting of the Town Council.

146 Ripley and Company

Councillor W. Bentley reported that the Planning Committee at East Sussex County Council had approved planning permission for H. Ripley and Co to develop the site at Apex Way.

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

CHAIRMAN

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