



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Hailsham Town Council, held at the Fleur-de-Lys Council Chamber/Meeting Rooms, Market Square, Hailsham, on Wednesday 28th September 2016 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 Council, or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities of the Town Council) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

The Town Clerk read a letter received from Mrs. Tapp about the lack of bus services on the Gleneagles Estate. The Chairman said he would respond in writing and pass Mrs. Tapp's comments onto representatives of the Cuckmere Community Bus.

Mrs. Taylor said, as a sometime trader, at Hailsham street market she had a number of concerns; these included the pricing policy of the stalls, the shortage of traders and lack of advertising. Councillor N. Collinson responded on behalf of Hailsham Forward and said he would feed Mrs. Taylor's comments into the Hailsham Forward Executive meeting on 30th September.

Mr. A. Dixon of the Gleneagles and Grovelands Residents' Association. He expressed concern about the development of land near to Grovelands School and asked the Council to reconsider selling the land. The Chairman said that no decision had yet been taken on the future use of the land.

County Councillor L. Keeley handed out a document detailing his activities.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillors Mrs. A. Clarke and G. Moore to the meeting.

HTC/16/2
/166.1 The Chairman reported that Councillor Ms O'Rawe was now recovering well and hoped to be attending meetings soon. However, as she was now approaching the point where she would not have attended a meeting for six months the Chairman asked for dispensation for Councillor O'Rawe to continue as a councillor if she failed to attend a Council meeting with a six month period.

166.2 **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ms O'Rawe is granted a further three month period to allow her to attend a meeting of Hailsham Town Council or its Committees.

Councillors Berry and P. Holbrook asked that their opposition be recorded.

Councillors Mrs Laxton and Puttick asked that their abstentions from voting be recorded.

167 **Present:** Councillors:, Mrs. B. H. Beckett, F. Berry, G. Blake-Coggins, Mrs. M.A. Clarke, Mrs. L. J. Collinson, N. A. Collinson, Mrs. C. C. Collinson-O'Toole, N. S. Coltman (Chairman), Mrs. S.P.M. Cottingham, R. T. Grocock, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P.S.

Holbrook, Mrs. M. Laxton, G. Moore, G.M. Moore, Ms. A. M. A Pinkney, J. Puttick, C. A. Tasane, C Triandafyllou, Mrs. S. Van Der Geyten and A Willis

168 **Officers in Attendance**

Mr. J. Harrison (Town Clerk), Mr. D. Saxby and Mr. T. Hall.

169 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. M. Burt, Ms A. O’Rawe and P. Soane.

Declarations of Interest

170.1 Councillor P. Holbrook declared an interest in agenda item 8.1 – Allotments as he is an allotment holder

170.2 Councillors N. Collinson, Grocock and Mrs. Laxton declared an interest in agenda item 5 – 2 North Street.

Confirmation of Minutes

171 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the following meetings may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman:

Annual Meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 25th May 2016 (Ref: HTC/AM/16/100-131) (Deferred from meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 20th July 2016).

Meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 20th July 2016 (Ref: HTC//16/1/132-154).

Extraordinary Meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 10th August 2016 (Ref: HTC/2x/16/1/155-165)

2 North Street

172 Mr. N. Povey from Hailsham FM addressed the meeting. He said that Hailsham FM had been granted a licence to broadcast full-time. Hailsham FM also had to vacate its current premises in the future.

The Town Clerk reported that he was awaiting a reply from the landlord about the possibility of sub-leasing the premises.

173 **RESOLVED** in principle to allow Hailsham FM to use 2 North Street, and to delegate discussions between Hailsham Town Council, Hailsham FM and the landlord to the Strategic Projects Committee; but a final decision on the use of the building to be taken by full Council.

Committee Membership

174.1 The following members were nominated to form the Neighbourhood Plan Committee:

Councillors Mrs. Clarke, N. Collinson, Mrs. Collinson-O’Toole, Coltman, Mrs. Cottingham, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P. Holbrook, Mrs. Laxton, G. M. Moore, Puttick,

Soane and Triandafyllou.

The voting was held by a secret ballot.

174.2 **RESOLVED** that the following members serve on the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for the remainder of 2016/17:

Councillors Mrs. Clarke, N. Collinson, Mrs. Collinson-O'Toole, Coltman, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P. Holbrook, Mrs. Laxton, G. M. Moore and Puttick,

Committee Reports

175 **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. Communities Committee Meeting (30th August 2016)

B. Planning & Development Committee Meetings (2nd August, 16th August, 23rd August and 13th September 2016)

C. Finance, Budget and Resources Committee Meeting (13th July and 14th September 2016).

D. Strategic Projects Committee Meetings (17th August 2016).

176 **Committee Recommendations**

Strategic Projects Committee – 17th August 2016 – Allotments (Minute reference SPC/4/16/25-25.1)

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation to purchase an incinerator at Battle Road Allotments and to assign up to £15,000 from the Contingency Fund for the project.

177 **Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

RESOLVED to:

a) note the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meetings (14th July, 14th August and 15th September 2106) and

b) approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee's delegated authority up to the next Town Council meeting.

178 **Hailsham Area Action Plan**

RESOLVED to note he notes and accompanying documents from the Hailsham Area Action Plan steering group meetings held on 19th July and 8th September 2016.

Poll Cards

179.1 Members were asked to consider whether to Wealden District Council should produce poll cards for all forthcoming by elections in the town; this would cost Hailsham Town Council in the region of £1,300 per by-election

It was proposed was made that poll cards should be produced for all forthcoming by-elections in the town. On a show of hands this proposal was carried by 10 votes to 9.

179.2 **RESOLVED** that Wealden District Council be asked to produce poll cards for all forthcoming by-elections in the town.

179.3 Councillors Mrs L. Collinson and Mrs. Van Der Geyten requested that their abstention from voting on this resolution be recorded.

Western Road Recreation Ground

180.1 The Town Clerk referred members to the officer's report circulated with the agenda.

180.2 **RESOLVED** to allow the organisers of "Prom in the Park" to use the Western Road Recreation Ground for their event in June 2017.

180.3 Councillor Tasane asked that it be recorded that he voted against the proposal.

Funfair Request

181.1 Members were asked to consider allowing a funfair to be held on the Maurice Thornton Playing Field.

The Town Clerk said that the owner of the funfair wanted it to become a regular event in Hailsham. The event last year went off without any problems

181.2 **RESOLVED** to allow owners of the funfair to use the Maurice Thornton Playing Field for their funfair.

Wealden Local Plan Consultation

182.1 Members were asked to consider the Town Council's approach to the next stage of the Wealden Local Plan consultation.

182.2 **RESOLVED** to delegate the formation of the Town Council's response to the next stage of Wealden Local Plan consultation exercise the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

George Street Bollards

183.1 East Sussex County Council had requested Hailsham Town Council's views on the replacement of the pavement bollards in George Street as part of the town centre improvement works.

183.2 **RESOLVED** to ask the contractors to reinstate the existing bollards in George Street as part of the town centre improvement programme on the same side of the road as present; and to investigate the possibility of funding further bollards, subject to a cost of £2,000.

184 **Councillor Mrs. C. Collinson O'Toole**

Councillor Mrs. C. Collinson-O'Toole left the meeting at 10.12pm.

Councillor's Questions/Information Forum

Twining

185 Councillor Puttick reported that the President of the Twining Association in Gourney-en-Bray had been unwell but had now made a full recovery

It was agreed to write to her wishing her well.

186 Co-op Store in Upper Horsebridge

Councillor Mrs. L. Collinson asked if the manager of the Co-op in Upper Horsebridge had replied to the Chairman's letter about the parking facilities.

The Chairman said no response had been received.

187 Wealden Citizens' Advice Bureau

Councillor Berry said that Wealden Citizens' Advice Bureau had invited him and his wife to a fundraising event at the Hailsham Civic Hall.

188 Sussex Police

Councillor Pinkney asked if a representative from the Police could attend a future meeting. The Chairman responded that the Police had said they were no longer able to come to meetings.

189 The George Hotel

Councillor Mrs. Van Der Geyten asked if a reply had been received from the manager of The George Hotel in George Street about the parking of delivery lorries. The Chairman said he had not.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.18pm.

CHAIRMAN