



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 19th July 2017 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 Chairman stated that Councillor Mrs. Cottingham wished to make a personal statement. Councillor Mrs. Cottingham said that she had sent a member of the public an email that was inappropriate. She apologised and asked the member of the public to accept the apology.

The Town Clerk read an email received from a member of the public who was concerned that he had witnessed a councillor using his phone throughout the meeting on 24th May 2017 for social purposes.

Mr. Mills said that the Equalities Act 2010 stated that hearing loops should be available in rooms where the public were in attendance and requested that Hailsham Town Council acquire such a system for future meetings. The Chairman stated that this was an item later in the agenda.

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Present: Councillors: Mrs. B. H. Beckett, F. Berry, G. Blake-Coggins, N. A. Collinson, N. S. Coltman (Chairman), Mrs. S.P.M. Cottingham, R. T. Grocock, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P.S. Holbrook, Mrs. M. Laxton, Glenn Moore, Graham Moore, Ms. A. M. A Pinkney, J. Puttick, C. A. Tasane, C Triandafyllou and Mrs. S. Van Der Geyten.

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Officers in Attendance

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

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Standing Orders

RESOLVED to adopt the recommended changes to the Council's Standing Orders, as standing adjourned from the meeting held on 24th May 2017.

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Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. L. Collinson, Ms A. O'Rawe and Mr. A. Willis.

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Declarations of Interest

None presented.

Confirmation of Minutes

- 134.1 Councillor Mrs. Van Der Geyten stated that there was a word missing in Minute 105. The Town Clerk stated that “owned” should be inserted.
- 134.2 Councillor Tasane said that he was not on the Planning and Development Committee, as recorded in Minute 111.
- 134.3 The Town Clerk said that under Minute 110 it was resolved to adjourn the adoption of the changes to Standing Orders, not to adopt them.
- 134.4 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the Annual Meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 24th May 2017 (Ref HTC/AM17/100-128), as amended, printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

Committee Reports

- 135 **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 (5th June and 3rd July 2017)
- B. Planning & Development Committee Meetings (6th and 27th June 2017)
- D. Strategic Projects Committee Meetings (28th June 2017)

Committee Recommendations

- 136.1 **Strategic Projects Committee Meeting - 28th June 2017: Welbury Farm Community Hall**

The Town Clerk stated that if the Council voted to proceed with the Committee's recommendations, the costs would be as follows:

Fitting out of the Hall (including making it fully disability friendly) - £33,270
Running costs per year £48,000.

- 136.2 **RESOLVED** that:
- a) The Hall is adopted by Hailsham Town Council, in perpetuity and the costs of doing so comes from historical capital receipts, and
 - b) The Hall is named the “The Jim West Centre”

- 136.3 Councillor Puttick requested that his abstention from voting be recorded.
- 136.4 Councillor Mrs Laxton agreed to work with officers to ensure that the Centre is fully compliant with the 2010 Disabilities Act.

- 137 **Strategic Projects Committee Meeting - 28th June 2017: 2 North Street**

This was a separate agenda item.

- 138 **Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

RESOLVED to:

a) note the minutes from the Neighbourhood Planning Committee Meetings (18th May and 15th June 2017), and

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

139 **Committee Terms of Reference**

RESOLVED to adopt the terms of reference for the Council's committees for the 2017-18 municipal years.

Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen

140 Members were asked to elect chairmen (and a vice-chairman) for the following Council committees:

141 **Planning and Development Committee**

RESOLVED that Councillor Puttick be the Chairman and that Councillor Glenn Moore be the Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for the 2017-18 municipal year.

142 **Neighbourhood Planning Committee (Chairman only)**

Councillor Puttick said that as some of this Committee's meeting took place during the day and, therefore, because of work commitments he would be unable to attend, he withdrew his nomination for the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that Councillor Glenn Moore be the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee for the 2017-18 municipal year.

Community Governance Review

143.1 **RESOLVED** to invite Wealden District Council to undertake a Community Governance Review with a view to reviewing and reducing the number of seats on Hailsham Town Council; and request that some Hailsham Town Councillors have seats on the Review,

143.2 Councillors Mrs Cottingham, Mrs. Laxton, Graham Moore, C Triandafyllou and Mrs. Van Der Geyten requested that their abstentions from voting be recorded.

Western Road Recreation Ground

144.1 The Chairman invited Mr. S. Wennington of Hailsham Active to address the meeting.

144.2 **RESOLVED** to enter into a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust for the Western Road Recreation Ground and to work with Hailsham Active to apply for the £5,000 grant for a physical activity project. If successful to work with Hailsham Active to secure the £25,000 capital grant to help create part of the proposed network of cycle/walking/running paths in Western Road Recreation Ground. It was further

agreed that no building would take place on the Ground, in any event.

144.3 Councillor Mrs Laxton declared an interest as she is a part of Hailsham Active.

Town Council Meeting Venues

145.1 The Town Clerk reported that alternative venues were available in the parish for the Town Council meetings on 27th September 2017, 22nd November 2017, 24th January 2018 and 28th March 2018. He was also in the processing if other venues were available.

145.2 **RESOLVED** to delegate this matter to the Town Clerk to progress.

Fleur de Lys Hearing Loop

146.1 The Chairman said that members should consider the points made at the beginning of the meeting by Mr Mills.

146.2 **RESOLVED** to invest in a hearing loop for the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room and to delegate the matter to the Town Clerk to install after consulting with relevant organisations to ensure that the building is fitted with a fit for purpose portable hearing loop system, funds to come from the monies left in the Refurbishment Budget.

147 **RESOLVED** that due to the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and possible disclosure of personal or legal information not in the public interest at the present time, the following items of business be transacted following the temporary exclusion of members of the Public and Press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No. 1E:

15 Strategic Projects Committee: 28th June 2017 – 2 North Street (Minute ref SPC/17/2/19)

16 Sale of Land

The reason for exclusion is:

(b) terms of tenders, and proposals, and counter-proposals in negotiations for contracts.

Strategic Projects Committee: 28th June 2017 – 2 North Street (Minute ref SPC/17/2/19)

148.1 The Town Clerk referred members to the recommendation from the Strategic Projects Committee held on 28th June in respect of Hailsham FM using 2 North Street.

148.2 **RESOLVED** to allow Hailsham FM to sub-let 2 North Street.

Sale of Land

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

149.2 **RESOLVED** to continue pursuing the possible areas of land for sale.

149.3 Councillors Mrs. A, Clarke, Blake-Coggins, Graham Moore and Puttick asked that their abstentions from voting be recorded.

Councillor's Questions/Information Forum

150 Victoria Gates

The Chairman reported that there were on-going discussions about the ownership of the land around the Victoria Gates in the High Street.

151 Planters in the High Street

The Chairman reported that ESAB had objected to the proposal to put planters on the pavement in the High Street to deter parking on the footway. East Sussex County Council Highways Department were investigating.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm.

CHAIRMAN