



# 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 29<sup>th</sup> March 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.

Mrs. H. Deehan asked what Hailsham Town Council is going to do to keep High Street clean and tidy. The Chairman responded that MASHH had agreed to replace the existing bins with “closed” type bins. The cleaning of rubbish was a matter for Wealden District Council and its contractors but was supplemented by Hailsham Town Council’s litter warden.

Mr. P. Ford said that the information given to the Grants Sub-Committee about the Healthy Living Club was incorrect and asked the Council to reconsider the decision not to award the club any grant in the 2017/18 financial year. The Town Clerk said the Grants Sub-Committee had been advised that the Healthy Living Club was part of SCDA; therefore not awarded any grant money. It was now accepted that this was not the case. The possibility of making an award to would be discussed later in the agenda.

Mr. Osborne asked about the Wealden Local Plan and its impact on Hailsham, he asked specifically if it would be appropriate to oppose the Plan until Wealden District Council had a more “joined up thinking” approach in terms of facilities. The Chairman said Hailsham Town Council’s support for the Wealden Local Plan had always been dependent on the provision of adequate infrastructure.

Mr. T. Powis asked if the lease on the Stable Block in North Street was available. The Chairman said that although Tomorrow’s People were no longer using the building, a further seven years was left on the lease.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor De Jongh to his first meeting and welcomed Councillor Mrs. Cottingham back.

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**Present:** Councillors:, Mrs. B. H. Beckett, F. Berry, G. Blake-Coggins, Mrs. M.A. Clarke, N. A. Collinson, Mrs. C. V. Collinson-O’Toole, N. S. Coltman (Chairman), Mrs. S.P.M. Cottingham, G. De Jongh, R. T. Grocock, P.S. Holbrook, Mrs. M. Laxton, Glenn Moore, Graham Moore, Ms. A. O’Rawe M. A Pinkney, C Triandafyllou and Mrs. S. Van Der Geyten.

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## **Officers in Attendance**

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

241 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. M. Burt, Mrs. L. Collinson, Mrs. B. Holbrook, J. Puttick and A. Willis.

242 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors N. Collinson and Mrs. Laxton declared an interest in agenda item 4 – Hailsham Active as they sit on the Steering Group.

243 **Hailsham Active**

Mr. S. Wennington thanked the Council for the award for the award of a grant of £4,000 towards the improvement of the football pitches at the Maurice Thornton Playing Field.

244 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Reports of the meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Ref HTC/16/5/212-238), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

245 **Committee Reports**

**RESOLVED** to receive and note the minutes from the following Committee minutes.

A. Communities Committee Meetings (6<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017).

B. Planning & Development Committee Meetings (31<sup>st</sup> January, 21<sup>st</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017).

C. Strategic Projects Committee Meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017).

D. Finance, Budget and Resources Committee Meeting (8<sup>th</sup> February 2017).

**Committee Recommendations**

246 **Communities Committee: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Extra Event Proposed**

**RESOLVED** that a sum of £1,000 is allocated from the Communities Committee budget is allocated to the Hailsham Lions to support the Hailsham Get Active day on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July on Western Road Recreation Ground.

**Strategic Projects Committee: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 – Common Pond Pathway**

247.1 **RESOLVED** that the repairs to the pathway between Bellbanks Road and Archery Walk are approved in principle, subject to the obtaining of a third quotation. Funding for the work to the pathway will be taken from capital receipts from the sale of land for public open space, up to a maximum cost of £10,500; and subject to the path being wide enough for two buggies to pass.

247.2 Councillor Mrs. Laxton asked for her opposition to the proposal to be recorded.

**Finance, Budget and Resources Committee: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Annual Grants 2017**

248.1 Councillor Berry declared an interest in this agenda item as he voluntarily donates money to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

It was advised that 2 ongoing grants are set with the precept as follows:

Hailsham Old Pavilion Ltd - £3,000.00

Citizen Advice Bureau ( Hailsham ) - £13,287.00

These grants are a result of a previous resolution by Hailsham Town Council and are ongoing.

249.2 **RESOLVED** that these two grants items be reviewed when the FBR committee look at the 2018-19 budget.

249.3 **RESOLVED** that the FBR Committee recommend that the council award or not award the following community organisation annual grants. Reasons for not awarding are noted for each organisations:

Diplocks Trust - Does not meet the criteria as it's not a project.

Bonfire Society – Awarded £1,000.00

Royal Air Forces Assoc. (Hailsham) – Does not meet the criteria as it's not for a particular project.

Hailsham Active – Awarded £2,000.00 however this covers the applications from Hailsham Cricket Club, Hailsham Tennis Club and Hailsham Bowling Club

Hailsham & District Footpaths Associations – Don't qualify under the grant criteria.

Friends of Demelza - Awarded £200.00

HOPS - Does not met the criteria as it's not for a particular project.

Cuckmere Flood Forum – not met the criteria as it's not for a particular project.

1<sup>st</sup> Hellingly Scouts – As it's based in Hellingly it does not met the criteria of the grants process.

Wealden Writers – Does not met the criteria as it's not for a particular project.

Hailsham Horticultural Society – Awarded £200.00

Environment Hailsham – Awarded £4,000 with the caveat that the association becomes more self sufficient and self funded.

Eastbourne & Community First Responders – Does not meet the grants criteria as out of the Hailsham area.

NOW! Charity Group Ltd – Awarded £750.00

Hailsham Parish Church – Cannot align to one religious group.

Hailsham Healthy Living Committee – Part of another Association requesting a grant. No Grant awarded.

249 ATC Squadron – Awarded £500.00

Hailsham Foodbank – Awarded £250.00

East Sussex WRAS – Awarded £500.00

Sussex Community Dev. Ass SCDA - Awarded £552.00

Hailsham Choral Society – Awarded £250.00

249.4 **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Total of £10,202.00 to be awarded to the local community groups

249.5 **RESOLVED** to allocate the remaining fund of £298 to the Healthy Living Club.

249.6 Councillor Triandafyllou asked that his abstention from voting on this proposal be noted.

250 **Gleneagles Residents' Association**

Mr Potts of Gleneagles Residents' Association addressed the meeting. He said he was looking for £500 to fund a technical report on road safety issues. East Sussex County Council would match fund.

Councillor N. Collinson said that this was a highways matter; therefore ESCC should meet any costs. A better solution would be for Hailsham Town Council to press for a roundabout at Hempstead Lane.

Councillor Mrs. Laxton said this was an exceptional situation and proposed that £500 should be made available from the Contingency Fund to pay for the feasibility study, as requested.

On being put to put to the vote the proposal that £500 should be made available from the Contingency Fund to pay for the feasibility study was defeated by 10 votes to 7.

Councillor Mrs. Vander Getyten requested that her abstention from voting be noted.

251 **Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

**RESOLVED** to:

a) note the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> January 2017)

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

252 **Hailsham Area Action Plan**

**RESOLVED** to note the notes and accompanying documents from the Hailsham Area Action Plan meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Motion 159**

253.1 To consider the following motion as submitted to the Town Clerk in accordance with Standing Order No. 2 by Councillor Glenn Moore who proposed:

The Retail Sub-Committee of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee has identified the need for a replacement fit for purpose Town Council premises, incorporating a Civic Centre, to house our staff and the service provision of Hailsham Town Council. We propose that the Neighbourhood Planning Committee formulate a costed proposal for Full Council to consider.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor S. Van Der Geyten.

253.2 It was proposed, seconded and agreed to delete “Neighbourhood Planning Committee” in the last sentence and insert “Strategic Projects Committee”

The amended proposal was carried by 14 votes to 5.

253.3 **RESOLVED** that the Retail Sub-Committee of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee has identified the need for a replacement fit for purpose Town Council premises, incorporating a Civic Centre, to house our staff and the service provision of Hailsham Town Council. We propose that the Strategic Planning Committee formulate a costed proposal for Full Council to consider.

253.4 Councillors Berry, Blake-Coggins, Mrs. Clarke, P. Holbrook and Graham Moore asked that their opposition be recorded.

#### **Motion 160**

254.1 To consider the following motion as submitted to the Town Clerk in accordance with Standing Order No. 2 by Councillor Glenn Moore who proposed:

It is apparent since the website provider was appointed in 2015 that there has been no full review of the current provision. We recommend to council to give the current provider notice and tender for a local firm to manage the website and its updates for a competitive price.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Burt.

The proposal was carried by 16 votes to 0.

254.2 Councillors Berry, Blake-Coggins and P. Holbrook requested that their abstentions from voting be recorded.

#### **Motion 161**

255 To consider the following motion as submitted to the Town Clerk in accordance with Standing Order No. 2 by Councillor Glenn Moore who proposed:

The Triangle of land at the corner of South and Ersham Road is designated as a Village Green. I contend that this area could be better utilised for transport improvements. It is requested that the Town Council take urgent action to progress the matter through the legal process to de-register it as Village Green, so that we can assist our town in alleviating daily congestion at this multiple access junction.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs Laxton.

The proposal was carried by 16 votes to 0.

256 **Confidential Business**

**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 Personnel Issue**

The reasons for exclusion are:

Engagement, terms of service (Agenda Item 15).

**Personnel Issue**

257.1 The Town Clerk referred members to the officer's report circulated with the agenda and as Appendix HTC/16/6/257A to these minutes.

257.2 **RESOLVED** to endorse the decision contained in the officer's report.

258 **Annual Town Meeting**

The Chairman outlined the arrangements for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The following organisations had confirmed attendance: Sussex Police; NHS Eastbourne, Seaford & Hailsham CCG; East Sussex Highways; Wealden District Council; Hailsham & District Twinning Association; The Square Youth Café; Neighbourhood Planning Committee; Environment Hailsham and East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service.

The winner of the Hailsham Hero Community Award winner would be announced and presented with a trophy.

259 **Antisocial Behaviour in the Town Centre**

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been arranged with the police and the YMCA to discuss the increase in anti-social behaviour in the town centre.

**Councillor's Questions/Information Forum**

260 **Councillors Visiting the Council Office**

The Town Clerk requested that when councillors visit the Town Council offices they should check in advance if the officer is available, or, at least, check with staff on Reception if they are free.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.52pm.

CHAIRMAN