



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hailsham Town Council, held at the Fleur-de-Lys Council Chamber/Meeting Rooms, Market Square, Hailsham, on Wednesday 10th August 2016 at 7.00 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.

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16/2x/155 **Present:** Councillors:, Mrs. B. H. Beckett, F. Berry, G. Blake-Coggins, N. A. Collinson, Ms C. V. 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. M. Moore, M. A Pinkney, J. Puttick, C. A. Tasane, C Triandafyllou, Mrs. S. Van Der Geyten and A Willis.

156 **Officers in Attendance**

Mr. J. Harrison (Town Clerk), Mrs. K. Giddings and Mr. D. Saxby.

157 **Apologies for Absence:**

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

158 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Mrs B Holbrook and P. Holbrook declared an interest as they lived near the plot of land to be debated.

Confidential Business

159 **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 item of business be transacted following the temporary exclusion of members of the Public and Press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Order No. 1 (e)

Agenda Item 4: Valuation Report for Council Owned Land

The reason for exclusion for this agenda item is:

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

Valuation Report for Council Owned Land

- 160.1 Councillor Willis spoke in his capacity as Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee and referred members to the report circulated with the agenda.
- 160.2 **RESOLVED** that Councillor G. Moore provides names of contacts to the Town Clerk; and that this matter is delegated to the Planning and Development Committee to engage a company to act on behalf of Hailsham Town Council, whilst seeking SSALC advice until such time the Council needs to make a decision on the future of the land.
- 161 **RESOLVED** to return to non-confidential business.

Poll Cards

- 162.1 Members were asked to consider whether to Wealden District Council should produce poll cards for the forthcoming by election in Hailsham East ward; this would cost Hailsham Town Council in the region of £1,300. The Town Clerk advised that as Wealden District Council's deadline was the 24th August 2016, therefore a decision was needed before the next scheduled meeting of Hailsham Town Council.
- 162.2 It was proposed was made that poll cards should be produced. On a show of hands this proposal was carried by 14 votes to 2.
- 162.3 **RESOLVED** that Wealden District Council be asked to produce poll cards for the forthcoming by election in the Hailsham East ward.
- 162.4 Councillor N. Collinson requested that this opposition to this resolution be recorded.

Councillor's Questions/Information Forum

165 Citizens Advice Bureau

Councillor Mrs. Van Der Geyten thanked Councillor Berry and Mrs Berry for their donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.41pm.

CHAIRMAN