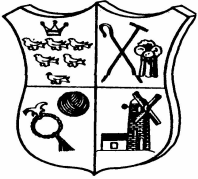


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

## ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



AMC/19/2x/31

REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Street, Hailsham, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at 7.00 pm.

### **Public Forum**

An email had been received from a member of the public expressing concern over the Bonfire Event to be held on Western Road Recreation Ground on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019

This email had been circulated to all members of the Committee and Councillor R. Grocock advised that the Deputy Town Clerk would respond to the resident's email within the next 7 working days.

Mrs R. Piggott from Hailsham Bonfire Society asked for an update on this email. Councillor R. Grocock advised that the points raised in the email would be responded to by the Deputy Town Clerk in the next 7 working days.

32 **Committee members present**

Councillors: R. Grocock (Chairman), P. Holbrook, M. Laxton, T. Powis, C. Tasane

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

33 **Apologies For Absence:**

Members noted and approved the apologies for absence from the following members:

Councillors B. Granville and K. Hinton

34 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor M. Laxton declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Community Land Trust, as she has been involved in the Community Land Trust meetings.

35 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 (Ref 19/2/16-30) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

36 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> July**

- Councillor P. Holbrook enquired about the recent Cemetery visit undertaken by Councillor T. Powis and Mrs B. Holbrook. Councillor T. Powis advised that a report would be presented to the Assets Management Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- K. Giddings advised that J. Harrison had contacted the Tennis Club on two occasions, asking whether they wish to extend the lease by 25 years from when it

expires, or from the present time. The Tennis Club also need to clarify whether they want to renew the current lease as it stands or update it with different terms

- John Harrison is in the process of organising a meeting with the Cricket Club
- The Deed of Dedication has been created for Hailsham Country Park
- Hailsham Parish Church have been informed that the Town Council no longer wish to maintain responsibility for the floodlights
- The work to the Cemetery outbuilding roof has been scheduled in

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### **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.

Community Land Trust

The reason for exclusion is:

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

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### **Community Land Trust**

Members of the Community Land Trust addressed the Committee, asking if the Committee would agree in principle to a sale of land.

The Committee were advised that any homes developed would be retained by the Community Land Trust, in perpetuity.

Members asked about the criteria involved in selecting individuals for the houses and were advised that each Community Land Trust works with the Local Authority and would give priority to those individuals who have lived or worked in Hailsham for a number of years.

Much discussion ensued and members raised concerns at the loss of green space if the Council agreed to the request to develop.

G. Saunders of the CLT explained that there would be an area of open space within the development so not all of the green space would be lost.

Members asked if the Community Land Trust could approach developers to request an area of their land to build on? G. Saunders advised that the attraction of a land trust over approaching developers for land is that for the Community Land Trust land the rent is around 50/60% of the market value, whereas the developers do not offer truly affordable housing as this is set at around 80% of the market value.

Members agreed that further investigation on the costs involved in selling land to the Community Land Trust would be required.

Councillor M. Laxton did not vote on the matter

Councillor C. Tasane abstained from voting on the matter

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### **RESOLVED that:**

- i) Further investigations are carried out on the necessary costings and potential legal

- fees for the sale of land
- ii) Once these investigations are completed the matter to be discussed further at a future Assets Management meeting

39 **Community Infrastructure Levy**

Members discussed suggestions to put forward for the Community Infrastructure Levy projects.. The three proposed projects were:

- Maurice Thornton Pavilion refurbishment
- Grovelands Farm Barn – creation of a small community area for children and parents
- Community Repair Café – to create a recycle and upcycle mend and repair shop in one of the existing shops in Hailsham High Street

It was agreed to ask the Works Supervisor to obtain some quotations for the Pavilion refurbishment

39.1 **RESOLVED** to propose the following Community Infrastructure Levy projects:

- i) Maurice Thornton Pavilion refurbishment
- ii) Grovelands Farm Barn Community Area
- iii) Community Repair Café

40 **Common Pond Signage**

Councillor M. Laxton suggested some signage could be placed in the Common Pond area providing information on what food can be fed to the ducks and geese at the Pond.

Signage can be placed on existing dog bins, waste bins or benches (although not memorial benches).

It was agreed that the signs would be metal, with a picture of a duck and the wording “we like” following with a list of food that are suitable for ducks and geese.

**RESOLVED** to place signage at the Common Pond in relation to the preferred food for ducks and geese. Funds for the signs to be allocated from the Common Pond Fund

41 **Our Hailsham Magazine**

Members discussed the content of Our Hailsham Magazine and stated they would like more articles in the newsletter relating to the Council’s assets. It was also requested to place more stock photos of the Council’s assets in the October newsletter if there was space for this.

Members further agreed they would like to have extra copies of the newsletter printed so these can be placed in various businesses or residential areas in the Town. It was agreed to investigate numbers and costings for this and bring back to the next Assets meeting in September.

41.1 **RESOLVED** to:

- i) investigate how many further copies of the newsletter are required for distribution to various businesses/establishments in the Town
- ii) investigate costs for the extra copies of the newsletter

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00 pm

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