

REPORT (Minutes)

of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee,
held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Street, Hailsham
on Thursday 21st March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Prior to commencement of the remaining 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 assembly or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities of the Town Council) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

None present.

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11 **Present:** Councillors F Berry, N. Collinson, N Coltman, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P. Holbrook, Mrs. M. Laxton and J Puttick.

12 **Other Members:** Mr K Hinton.

13 **Officers Present:** Mr. J. Harrison (Town Clerk) and Mr. D. Saxby.

14 **Apologies for Absence:**

The Town Clerk stated that Councillor N Collinson hoped to attend but would be late.

15 **Declarations of Interest**

None presented.

16 **Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 13th December 2018**

RESOLVED to note and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 13th December 2018.

Valediction

17.1 The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs Laxton paid tribute to Councillor Glenn Moore who had recently passed away. She requested that the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan be dedicated to him.

17.2 **RESOLVED** that the Neighbourhood Planning Committee dedicates this plan in memory of Councillor Glenn Moore whose sole purpose in having a plan in place was to make good for the residents of Hailsham. His planning knowledge and expertise were invaluable to ensure our Plan was fit for purpose.

18 **Councillor N Collinson**

Councillor Collinson entered the meeting at 7.08pm.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Habitats Regulation Assessment and Amended Neighbourhood Plan

19.1 The Chairman stated that some amendments had been made to the Plan. LUC had updated it in light of Wealden District Council comments. What the committee had before it now was that final document to go to full Council on 27th March 2019.

The Town Clerk said that the consultants had made some comment that had been incorporated into the final document.

19.2 **RESOLVED** that the document, as amended, be submitted to full Council for agreement.

19.3 The Town Clerk said that the Habitats Regulation Assessment was a confidential document. Wealden District Council had provided the document to Hailsham Town Council to enable work to progress towards the Regulation 16 consultation and to meet the deadline for submission to full Council on 27th March 2019.

Wealden District Council would be consulting with the statutory consultees as well as members of the public during the consultation period.

20 **Confidential Business**

RESOLVED that due to the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and possible disclosure of 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.

8. Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA).

21 **Habitats Regulation Assessment**

RESOLVED that following consultation with Wealden District Council not to discuss this agenda item or disclose the document to full Council.

Neighbourhood Plan Timetable

22.1 Mr Hinton said that it was probable that the Independent Examiner may take longer than a month to complete his examination of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mr Hinton requested that Wealden District Council be asked to confirm that the portfolio holder has the delegated authority to deal with the Neighbourhood Plan as legislation dictates that it has to be approved by full Council.

Mr Hinton asked that Wealden District Council be urged to confirm would the referendum take place.

22.2 **RESOLVED** to note the amended timeline for the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan.

23 **Financial Statement**

RESOLVED to note the financial statement of expenditure against budget for the project.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.28pm.