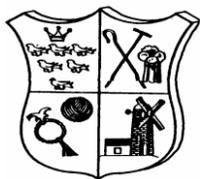


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Communities Committee relating to the organisation of festivities and events held **VIA THE INTERNET** on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6.00 pm.

## **Public Forum**

To deal with any questions or brief representations from members of the public relevant to the remit of the committee, in accordance with Standing Order 1. and Hailsham Town Council policy. (15 Minutes)

No members of the public were present

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant, Mrs A. Clarke, Mrs K. Nicholls, Mrs A. Ricketts

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## **Other members present**

Mr T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), Mr B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), P. Gibson (Hailsham Live), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market) Mrs J. Seale (What's on Magazine)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor N. Coltman, Councillor Ms A. O'Rawe and R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire) and Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

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## **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

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## **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (Ref 20/10 /149-167), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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## **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

174 **Street Markets**

There was no update

175 **Hailsham Forward**

There was no update

176 **Hailsham Live Event 2021**

P. Gibson advised that a decision would be made in the next few months regarding the Hailsham Live event, once more is known on Covid restrictions, in the New Year.

177 **Christmas 2021**

Members set the dates for the Christmas light switch on and Christmas Market for 2021.

It was agreed to hold the Christmas light switch on, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November and the date for the Christmas market was agreed for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021

B. Funnell advised that the Rotary are able to start their Christmas rounds on Wednesday but will not be stopping the sleigh. He reported that donations can still be given to the Rotary, through What's On, Hailsham News and Facebook.

178 **Community Forum**

J Seale advised that fund raising for many of the Community Groups had stopped because of the pandemic and that she intended to speak to the Town Council to investigate whether the Community Groups could be involved in one of the Street Markets in the New Year.

The "What Can I Join" event usually held in January had unfortunately been cancelled for January 2021, due to the pandemic.

179 **Bonfire Society**

As R. Piggott could not attend the meeting there was no further update on the Bonfire Society

180 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable advised that the Lions had recently funded a buggy for a disabled child and that they have been assisting various members of the Community.

The book shop is now open again and the Lions are asking for donations of books and jigsaws.

181 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin advised that the details of the Hailsham Festival in 2021 would not be decided

on until the New Year.

The Community Musical "String" would still go ahead, with a reduced amount of people involved.

182 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B Pratt advised that the Farmers Market have continued trading, but at the November Market only essential items could be sold.

B. Pratt advised that the Farmers' Market now has 2 new traders, selling French cuisine and cheese.

Hailsham FM and the Lions will be attending the December Farmers' Market. G. Constable advised the Lions will be attending with a tombola.

183 **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update.

184 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden had emailed an update as she was unable to attend the meeting.

The email stated :

"Please could it be reported that we were sad not to be open during Lockdown 2.

However following Lockdown 2 we are open again for face to face services in covid secure church building.

We are open and have Christmas services but people need to book in advance to attend via our website [www.hailshamchurch.org](http://www.hailshamchurch.org).

Services are going out on YouTube and the Carol service on 20 December will be live streamed at 6pm.

Lots of people are booking in for the Christingle services particularly.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank you for all your hard work in serving the town of Hailsham and its community through this challenging year"

185 **Remembrance Sunday**

It was agreed to hold the first meeting of the Remembrance Day Sub Committee in March, the exact date to be agreed nearer the time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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