



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Hailsham Town Council, held at the Fleur de Lys meeting Room, Hailsham, on Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7.30pm

HTC/20/3
/203 **Public Forum**

A member of the public addressed the meeting asking for a seated bus shelter in South Road, outside St Wilfrid Church.

A member of the public said it would be a good idea if all councillors and officers had name plates at meetings.

204 **Present:** Councillors: C. Bryant, N Coltman, D. Cottingham, R. Grocock, B. Holbrook, P.S. Holbrook (Chairman), M. Laxton, K. Nicholls, T. Powis, A M. Ricketts and C. A. Tasane.

205 **Officers in Attendance**

J. Harrison (Town Clerk), M. Foster (Finance Officer), K Giddings and D. Saxby.

206 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Blake-Coggins, Hinton, O'Rawe and Puttick.

207 **Declarations of Interest**

None presented.

Urban Grass Cutting

208.1 The Town Clerk referred members to the report circulated with the agenda.

There were three options available:

Option 1 - Standard: Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the parish/town Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

Option 2 – Extra cuts: parish/town councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost Hailsham Town Council a total of £9,250 for the year.

Option 3 – Self delivery: parish/town councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting in the area. ESCC would pay Hailsham Town Council the sum of £4,625 to do this.

208.2 **RESOLVED** to choose option 2 Extra cuts: parish/town councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and

four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost Hailsham Town Council a total of £9,250 for the year.

Additional Bus Shelter

209.1 The Town Clerk said that this agenda item had been deferred from the meeting held in March 2019 to obtain more information from East Sussex County Council. This had now been received.

Any requests for new bus shelters will be subject to a number of requirements and statutory conditions as per the Equalities Act 2010 relating to any new stops or improvements to existing stops.

Hailsham Town Council would be able to select and purchase a bus shelter themselves subject to it being the correct size and type and that when located, the structure does not obstruct any pedestrians using the footway. The kerb height would also need to be built up to a minimum height of 125mm to allow the bus to safely deploy its wheelchair ramp. The total cost would be in the region of £8,500.

209.2 **RESOLVED** to place a bus shelter outside St Wilfrid Church in South Road that meets all the necessary legislation and to complete the associated works to comply with allowing footway access at a total cost of £8,500. The funding to come from Capital Receipts.

Hailsham Hero

210.1 The Chairman said that he wished to continue presenting the annual Hailsham Hero award but wanted guidance on the criteria to be used.

Councillor Laxton proposed that the name of the award should be changed to 'Community Champion'.

210.2 **RESOLVED** the working group be made up of three councillors and 3 non-councillors and to write to the Voluntary Community Group to inviting them to nominate the three non-councillor members; and that the criteria for nominating the Community Champion be delegated to the working group.

211 **Confidential Business**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded during the discussion on the next item on the agenda as it concerns the terms of tenders and proposals and counter proposals in negotiation for contracts.

In accordance with Council's Standing Orders No. 1E

Hailsham Aspires

211.1 The Town Clerk said that there was no decision to make on this agenda item; it was agreed at a previous meeting that this would be a standing item on the Council agenda.

Mr Kelvin Williams of Wealden District Council wanted to meet the Council's Working Group and this had been arranged for 10th December.

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Wealden District Council Hailsham

Aspires Working Group held on the 13th November that he and the Deputy Town Clerk and Business Enterprise Manager attended.

211.2 **RESOLVED** that Councillor Tasane sit on the Working Group in an observational capacity only.

CHAIRMAN

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