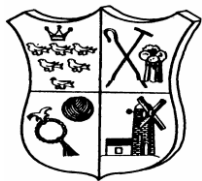


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00 pm.

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## **Public Forum**

Councillor G. Blake Coggins addressed the Committee in respect of the CIC proposed for Maurice Thornton and asked that the Town Council consider leasing the Pavilion on a full maintenance lease, with a clause stating that Hailsham Youth Service has access to the Pavilion for one evening a week, so it is still possible to run the Youth Service from there.

Councillor M. Laxton asked if the extended lease was ready to sign from Wealden District Council?

J Harrison advised that it was not and that he would write to Wealden Council regarding this

S Wennington advised he has a solicitor in place that will write the CIC free of charge and the request in relation to the Youth Service can be looked at then.

S. Wennington further advised that he has a plan he would like to present to the Town Council in relation to sports proposals, which would then be presented to Wealden District Council.

Members agreed to put this request regarding sports proposals from Hailsham Active on the next Assets agenda in February.

Councillor G. Blake Coggins left the meeting at 7.20 pm

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, R. Grocock, Mrs M. Laxton, T. Powis

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison and K. Giddings

Also present: P. Gibson (Hailsham News and Talk), P. Mills (Hailsham Cricket Club). S. Wennington (Hailsham Active), Ms D. Corbett (Hailsham Football Club)

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors P. Holbrook and R. Newark

49            **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor R. Grocock declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Hailsham Aspires, as he is a member of the Hailsham Aspires Board

50            **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (Ref: AMC/ 21/5/32-45) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

51            **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

J. Harrison advised that the requested funding for the Common Pond drainage and new entrance at Maurice Thornton Playing Field had been agreed at the recent Full Council meeting.

Wealden Council have agreed to undertake the work to the Horse Chestnut Tree at Vicarage Field. There is still no clear ownership of the tree but Wealden Council have confirmed they will carry out the work.

J. Harrison updated the Committee on the request for Covid benches – he advised that he was unsure whether it was the right time to install these benches as we are still in the middle of the pandemic. He stated that it might be advisable to install standard earth anchor benches as these are more robust than the Covid benches available. It will be necessary to wait until the lighting has been installed on the new pathway, before any benches can be placed on the Recreation Ground.

J. Harrison updated the Committee on CIL funding and advised that the additional CIL finds have reduced from £82,465.96 to £5,675.31

52            **Hailsham Cricket Club**

Mr P. Mills, Chairman of Hailsham Cricket Club, addressed the Committee regarding proposals for a new facility at the Cricket Club. He advised that the Cricket Club are currently using the facilities at Hailsham Community College but there is less room for bookings now so they need to consider a new facility.

Mr Mills advised the Cricket Club are proposing to place a modern three lane netting facility at the Club. This will cost in the region of £73,000. The Club has approximately £50,000 available and possibly a grant of £10,000 so they require £14,000 and requested the Town Council fund this with CIL contributions.

After viewing the plans of the netting facility, the Committee noted that the proposals would not impact on the football pitches.

J. Harrison advised he would need to check whether it is possible to part fund a CIL project. He considered it may be possible for the Council to procure the funding

and then pay back the funds to the Council, from CIL funds.

52.1 **RESOLVED** to

- i) Support the Cricket Club's proposals for a new facility in principle
- ii) Submit the proposals to the Strategy Committee for consideration as a CIL project

53 **Hailsham Football Club**

D. Corbett addressed the Committee. She asked whether the Council would support the Football Club's planning application for the re-development of their changing room, and whether they would be able to provide financial support for this new facility, in the region of £70,000 from CIL contributions.

D. Corbett advised that the new toilets would be available for use to the public as well as the Football Club.

The Committee suggested the Football Club submit their planning application to Wealden District Council first and then return to the Assets Committee for a decision.

53.1 **RESOLVED** to:

- i) Support the Football Club's proposals in principle, subject to planning permission being received from Wealden District Council
- ii) Submit the proposals to the Strategy Committee for consideration as a CIL project

54 **Changing Places Pod**

Councillor M. Laxton requested the changing places pod be located at Western Road Recreation Ground, next to the Cricket Club, rather than the previously proposed location at Vicarage Field.

Councillor Laxton advised that this is supported by the Cricket Club as the Club run disabled friendly cricket.

Councillor M. Laxton further advised she has an upgraded specification for a changing places pod, which is within the agreed budget, and she would like to put this request for the upgraded Pod to Full Council.

Members discussed the re-location of the changing places pod and agreed to refer this to Full Council for a decision.

54.1 **RESOLVED** to refer to Full Council to:

- i) Locate the changing places pod to Western Road Recreation Ground
- ii) Consider an upgrade of the original changing places pod

55 **Defibrillator**

A request had been received from a resident of Hailsham to place a new defibrillator in the Town, in memory of the resident's husband, along with a plaque next to the defibrillator, dedicated to her husband. The resident had offered to cover the costs for the defibrillator and its installation.

Members supported the request and J. Harrison was asked to look into having the defibrillator installed in St Mary's Walk and to approach the owners here about this.

55.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the installation of a defibrillator, in a location in the Town to be agreed. Town Council Officers to decide the best location for the defibrillator

56 **Footpath 18a**

A request had been received to install a new litter bin at the new footpath. Members were in support of this request.

56.1 **RESOLVED** to install a new litter bin at the footpath. Funds for the litter bin to be taken from the Town Council's bin budget.

S. Wennington, D. Corbett and P. Wells left the meeting at 8.15 pm

57 **Request for a streetlight on Compton Terrace**

It had previously been resolved that it would be too expensive to install a new street light in this location but to look into security lighting here instead and to contact Wealden Housing about this.

Councillor T. Powis advised he had written to Wealden Housing and had just received a reply.

The reply stated that Wealden Housing do not install security lighting for residents, but the residents are welcome to put the lighting up themselves, subject to them contacting Wealden Housing first and receiving the relevant approvals.

T. Powis advised he would contact the resident advising her of the response from Wealden Housing.

58 **Quinnell Drive**

T Powis updated the Committee on the relocation of the goal post at Quinnell Drive.

He advised that the Works Manager, R. Gillett, was currently looking into costs for the removal of the mound on the site. This work can be done "in house" and quotations should be available for consideration at the February Assets Committee meeting.

P. Gibson left the meeting at 8.25 pm

**Confidential Business**

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**To Resolve** 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.

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**Hailsham Aspires**

It was agreed to create a working group with the Town Clerk, T. Powis, C. Bryant, M. Laxton to discuss the best way forward for engaging with Wealden District Council on Hailsham Aspires and to invite M. Kelly from Wealden District Council to these meetings.

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**RESOLVED** to appoint a Working Group to explore further options

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**4 Market Square**

J. Harrison advised that new quotations must be considered as the prices of materials have increased since the last quotations received for a new UPVC door and window

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**RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to allocate a further £1,500 to be taken from Ripleys Capital receipts for the new UPVC door and window at 4 Market Square

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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