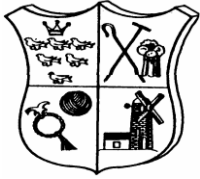


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 7.00 pm.

AMC/21/5/32 In the absence of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Assets Committee, a temporary Chairman was appointed for the meeting

Councillor P. Holbrook nominated Councillor R. Newark
Seconded by Councillor Mrs B. Holbrook

All members voted in favour

Councillor R. Newark was nominated as temporary Chairman for the meeting

33 **Election of Committee Vice Chairman**

Members were advised that due to the resignation of Councillor K. Hinton, a new Vice Chairman would need to be elected

Councillor P. Holbrook nominated Councillor R. Newark
Seconded by Councillor Mrs B. Holbrook

All members voted in favour to elect Councillor R. Newark as the Vice Chairman of the Committee

34 **Public Forum**

S. Wennington provided an update regarding Fields in Trust, in relation to South Road Play Area. He advised that Fields in Trust have agreed to fund £12,000 to the Town Council for improvements to the steps at South Road Play Area.

The Footpath 18A at the Diplocks had been completed and a clean up of the area is now being organised.

S. Wennington further advised that he is attempting to obtain CIC status for Maurice Thornton Recreation Ground to allow improvements to the pavilion, drainage, and also to create a new pathway there.

A meeting is being arranged with Wealden District Council in relation to the proposed Community Sports Hub and a list of clubs wishing to use these facilities will be compiled and forwarded to Wealden Council.

S. Murphy advised he is planning on organising a meeting with the Chairman of the County Audit Panel regarding nursery provision.

S. Wennington and S. Murphy left the meeting at 7.12 pm

35 **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, R. Grocock, P. Holbrook, Mrs B. Holbrook (substituting for M. Laxton), R. Newark

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison and K. Giddings

Also present: S. Wennington (Hailsham Active), S. Murphy (East Sussex County Council). P. Gibson (Hailsham News and Talk), P. Hobden (Common Pond Warden)

36 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors Mrs M. Laxton and T. Powis

37 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

38 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 (Ref: AMC/ 21/4/17-31) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

39 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 15th September 2021**

The work to Maurice Thornton Pavilion is being undertaken. J. Harrison reported that no asbestos has been found in the building

The letter regarding the proposed Community Sports Hub has been sent to Wealden District Council.

K. Giddings advised that the work to organise a new bus shelter at Hawks Road was being looked into, and new quotations would have to be obtained in relation to providing a new bus shelter. Funding will also be required for the work to the kerb which is needed to comply with regulations by East Sussex County Council.

K. Giddings has contacted the Air Ambulance in relation to their request

40 **Quinnell Drive Play Area**

Members were advised that Councillors P. Holbrook and T. Powis had met with the resident at Quinnell Drive, to discuss the goal post and possible re-location.

Members agreed the goal post needs to be moved to a more suitable location in the area

Members discussed the various options and J. Harrison advised that the Works Manager, R. Gillett, had proposed a new location for the goal post and would obtain quotations for this.

40.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to rescind the previous motion **not** to remove the goal post

P. Gibson left the meeting at 7.22 pm

41 **Confidential Business**

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.

42 **Common Pond**

Members discussed the work required to the Common Pond, in respect to the overflow drain.

J. Harrison advised that the costs for a new drain may be covered by the Community Infrastructure Levy and that he would confirm this with Wealden District Council.

42.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to approve the work to the Common Pond subject to approval that this funding can be obtained from CIL funding, for up to £20,000

43 **Maurice Thornton**

Members discussed the work required to the Maurice Thornton Recreation Ground, to create a new entrance to the site.

J. Harrison advised that the costs for this work may also be covered by the Community Infrastructure Levy and that he would also confirm this with Wealden District Council

43.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to approve the work to the Maurice Thornton Recreation Ground, subject to this funding being obtained from CIC funding, for up to £14,000

44 **Horse Chestnut Tree**

J. Harrison advised that he had met with Wealden District Council to discuss the work that was required to the tree.

He further advised that it was unclear who actually owns the tree and who is therefore responsible for the work, although J. Harrison reported that Wealden Council had stated they would consider funding up to £10,000 for the work to the tree.

J. Harrison reported he would contact Wealden Council again to see what progress has been made with work to the tree and report back to the Committee.

Phil Hobden left the meeting at 7.55 pm

45 **Hailsham East Community Centre**

The committee discussed the situation regarding East Sussex County Council's operation of the Hailsham East Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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