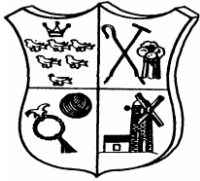


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held **held in the** Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 28th July 2021 at 7.00 pm.

AMC/21/3/1

Election of Committee Chairman

Councillor M. Laxton nominated Councillor T. Powis
Councillor P. Holbrook seconded

4 members voted in favour. Councillors R. Grocock and C. Bryant abstained from voting

Councillor T. Powis was elected as Chairman.

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Public Forum

P. Gibson addressed the Committee regarding the current state of the Common Pond. He asked about the life saving belts and why there were not any in place at the Pond. He also advised that the pathway at the Pond is impassable at times.

Members were advised that the Common Pond did originally have life belts in place, however they were constantly vandalised or thrown into the Pond and the Council eventually decided to remove them completely.

It was also noted that a number of drainage options have been undertaken to combat the flooding of the pathway, but it has not been possible to solve this problem.

The Committee agreed to obtain a report from the Outdoor Works Team Supervisor and Pond Warden on the current status of the Pond, outlining any work that needs to be carried out, for further discussion at the next meeting.

A member of the public attended the meeting via zoom and requested the extension of the landing platform at the Skate Park at Maurice Thornton. She advised the platform helps younger less experienced skaters.

Members were advised that this item was on the agenda and would be discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

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Committee members present

Councillors: C. Bryant, R. Grocock, K. Hinton, P. Holbrook, Mrs M. Laxton, T. Powis

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison and K. Giddings

Also present: P. Gibson, (Hailsham News and Talk), S. Wennington (Hailsham Active)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillors G. Blake Coggins and Mrs A. Ricketts

4 **Election of Vice Chairman**

Councillor P. Holbrook nominated Councillor K. Hinton
Seconded by Councillor M. Laxton

4 members voted in favour

Councillors R. Grocock and C. Bryant abstained from voting

Councillor K. Hinton was elected as Chairman.

5 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor R. Newark

6 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

7 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on 28th April 2021 (Ref: AMC/ 20/13/196-207) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

8 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 28th April 2021**

J. Harrison advised that he had written to the member of the public in relation to the "Friends of Ersham Road Cemetery", advising of the Committee's decision, but had not received a response yet to his letter.

The waiving of the pitch fees has been implemented at Maurice Thornton Playing Field.

The work to the benches at Western Road Recreation Ground has yet to be undertaken.

9. **Skatepark**

Members considered the proposal to improve the existing skate park by placing a landing platform.

Members discussed the proposal and J. Harrison advised that the Works Supervisor had contacted the original supplier of the skate park to ask for a quote to undertake the work for a landing platform but had not received a reply.

J. Harrison advised he would contact other local Councils such as Eastbourne and Bexhill for advice and guidance on this.

This request will be discussed at a future meeting of the Assets Committee, once quotations have been received.

Councillor G. Blake Coggins left the meeting at 7.20 pm

Members considered a further proposal for a new skate park to be built in Hailsham.

Much discussion ensued and members were unsure as to where a new skate park could be located.

It was suggested that the Council could engage with young people in the Parish to see what kind of facilities they would like in Hailsham and whether this includes a skate park. The proposals for leisure facilities could be included in the Town Council's 5 year plan. It was agreed that Hellingly Council should also be involved in the discussions, and investigations should be made as to whether land could be acquired through a developer.

Members agreed to place this item on the agenda of the next Strategy Committee for further discussion.

S. Wennington arrived at the meeting at 7.30 pm

10. **Hailsham Byway 18a**

S. Wennington advised that he has been in discussions with East Sussex County Council, who will be funding the project.

Hailsham Roadway are also involved and will be undertaking the work at no cost.

Work should begin in October.

S. Wennington left the meeting at 7.40 pm

11. **Quinnell Drive Play Area**

Members discussed a request that had been received by a resident, asking for the football posts to be removed.

Members agreed that as there was only one complaint about the goal post, this was not significant enough to remove the posts as they are well used by children in the play park.

J. Harrison confirmed he would write to the resident advising of the decision.

RESOLVED to refuse the request to remove the goal post at Quinnell Drive Play Area

12. **South Road Play Area**

Councillor M. Laxton requested for CCTV to be placed in the play area at South Road.

Members discussed the current CCTV covering the Cricket Club area and Recreation Ground and J. Harrison confirmed he would contact the Police to ascertain whether this camera is working. He would also ask for a report from the CCTV operators for this camera as to what the Town Council is paying for and whether the Councillors can meet with them to discuss this.

The cost of placing CCTV in South Road Play area would be investigated. Members considered a cheaper option would be to ask for PCSO's to patrol the area. J. Harrison reported he would ask for additional PCSO's in this area.

RESOLVED to:

- i) Investigate what the Council receives for the current CCTV contract for Western Road Recreation Ground
- ii) Investigate the cost of placing CCTV at South Road Play area

13. **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

Toilet Cleaning Contract
Hailsham East Community Centre
Western Road Recreation Ground – Health and Safety Report Trees

14. **Toilet Cleaning Contract**

J. Harrison advised that the Contractor, who currently holds the contract for the toilet cleaning, has held the contract for over 3 years. The contract now needs to be renewed.

He reported that quotations have been received for the new toilet cleaning contract and Incleanation, has provided the lowest quote.

Members agreed to award the new 3 year contract to Incleanation

RESOLVED to award the 3 year toilet cleaning contract to Incleanation

15. **Hailsham East Community Centre**

It was agreed to approach the operators of the Centre for a meeting, involving the Town Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Assets Committee..

This item will be placed on the agenda of a future Assets Committee meeting, once the meeting with the operators has taken place.

16. **Western Road Recreation Ground – Health and Safety Report Trees**

J. Harrison advised that work needs to be carried out urgently to a number of trees by the new path at Western Road. Some trees just need reducing but some trees need to be removed.

RESOLVED to carry out the work necessary to the trees by the new pathway at Western Road Recreation Ground and to replace any trees that are removed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

