

# **HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF a meeting of the HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL to be held the James West Community Centre, Brunel Drive, Hailsham, BN27 3FY

# Tuesday, 13th July 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

- 1. **PUBLIC FORUM:** A period of not more than 15 minutes will be assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the Public to address the Council or ask questions on matters relevant to responsibilities of the Council, at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: To receive apologies for absence of council members
- 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of items on this agenda.

# 4. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

**To resolve** that the press and public are excluded during the discussion on the next item of the agenda **(5)** as it concern the terms of tenders and proposals and counter proposals in negotiation for contracts, or are otherwise confidential information.

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

5. LAND TRANSFER – HIGHWAY WORKS IN SOUTH-WEST HAILSHAM
To receive an update and consider a proposal

#### 6. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of Hailsham Town Council

#### 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meetings of Hailsham Town Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Annual Council Meeting) may be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman

# 8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

To consider the following recommendations made by committees, which are outside of their terms of reference or otherwise were resolved as recommendations to full council:

**8.1** Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee 17.06.2021 – Formation of a Staffing Committee

#### 9. MOTION 178 – CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

To consider a motion submitted to the Town Clerk by Cllr R. Grocock and seconded by Cllr C. Bryant

#### 10. SAVE THE DGH CAMPAIGN

To consider a request from the campaign to appoint a representative from Hailsham Town Council

# 11. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH HAILSHAM & PROPOSED STREET LIGHTING PROVISION

To consider a proposal from East Sussex County Council Highways

#### 12. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

**To resolve** that the press and public are excluded during the discussion on the next items of the agenda **(13, 14, 15 & 16)** as they concern the terms of tenders and proposals and counter proposals in negotiation for contracts or the possible beginning of legal proceedings.

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

#### 13. RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEES -

Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee 17.06.2021 – Formation of a Staffing Committee (Independent Facilitator)

#### 14. MOTION 179 – HAILSHAM EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

To consider a motion submitted to the Town Clerk by Cllr G. Blake-Coggins and seconded by Cllr P. Holbrook

#### 15. MAURICE THORNTON PLAYING FIELD

To consider a proposal regarding the lease of the Maurice Thornton Playing Field

# 16. HAILSHAM ASPIRES - CONFIDENTIAL

To receive any update required on the Hailsham Aspires Project.

JOHN HARRISON Town Clerk Report to: Hailsham Town Council

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

By: John Harrison, Town Clerk

Title of Report: MOTION 178 – CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

#### **PURPOSE:**

To consider a motion submitted to the Town Clerk by Cllr R. Grocock and seconded by Cllr C. Bryant

#### **BACKGROUND:**

I Cllr Richard Grocock wish to put a motion before full council it will be seconded by Cllr Chris Byant.

The Motion is that the council purchase Code of Conduct Training for members of the council whether on-line or in person in the hope that all members attend to enhance their understanding of their role in public life.

We hope this is in order.

Report to: Hailsham Town Council

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

By: John Harrison, Town Clerk

Title of Report: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH HAILSHAM &

PROPOSED STREET LIGHTING PROVISION

#### **PURPOSE:**

To consider a proposal from East Sussex County Council Highways

#### **BACKGROUND**

Email received 8th June 2021

I am sure you are very aware of the proposed major housing developments located east and west of Coldthorn Lane, at Cuckoo Fields, and at Summerhill west of Ersham Road – circa 910 homes with potentially another 200 at Cuckoo Fields currently being considered by Wealden DC.

The roads which will provide access to these developments will require upgrading and improvement resulting in significant changes to the look, feel and character of the area. As the highway authority we need to ensure that such changes are safe for all road users, especially vulnerable users such as cyclists and pedestrians. The expectation is both Ersham Road and Station Road will have many more pedestrians and cyclists (to/from the Cuckoo Trail and the neighbouring developments) where currently such users are very few in number.

On busy roads to help achieve a safer environment at night, especially for vulnerable road users, we would look to the developer to install a system of street lighting as part of the required highway works. On Ersham Road this would mean providing a continuous system of lighting extending from the A295 southwards to the Cuckoo Trail; and on Station Road extending the existing system of lighting southwards to south of Old Swan Lane.

We are very conscious of the impact street lighting may have, especially where there may be no lighting at present. Also because ESCC would adopt any new highway street lighting on Ersham Road and Station Road there is scope for the County Council to take over some of the Town Council maintained lighting. We would therefore welcome your initial thoughts and wishes with regard to street lighting with a view to holding a future meeting with you and representatives of East Sussex Highways Street Lighting Team.

For your information I have attached the preliminary highway design proposals showing the Cuckoo Fields development accesses proposed off Ersham Road and Station Road. Please note that part of the proposals for Ersham Road include the provision of a continuous footway northwards to Coldthorn Lane.

Email received 28th June 2021

As I am sure you are aware the highway proposals are developer led and at this early stage I am afraid we do not have any detailed highway designs to share or present other than those previously made available (attached plans refer) and approved as part of the granted planning permission for Cuckoo Fields. We would gladly welcome a meeting with you and a few representatives of the TC as the highway schemes evolve but for now I was hoping to simply get a steer and view from Hailsham TC as to the 'acceptability and appetite' for new systems of street lighting being provided along Station Road and Ersham Road.

On Ersham Road this would probably mean providing a continuous system of lighting extending from the A295 southwards to the Cuckoo Trail; and on Station Road extending the existing system of lighting southwards to south of Old Swan Lane. Similarly, I would welcome the Town Council view of street lighting being provided internally on the estate roads to be adopted within the proposed developments. We are very conscious of the impact street lighting, especially where there is no lighting at present, and any 'dark skies' policy the TC may have.

Is the above something you can discuss at the next council meeting to get a scoping opinion?

Does the Council have a strong view one way or the other?