



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
STRATEGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Strategy Committee,
held at the James West Community Centre, Brunel Drive, Hailsham,
On Tuesday 7th July 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

STC/20/2/ 28	<u>Public Forum</u> None presented
29	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs; G. Blake-Coggins, D. Cottingham, P. Holbrook (Chairman), T. Powis and J. Puttick
30	<u>Officers Present:</u> J. Harrison (Town Clerk)
31	<u>Apologies For Absence:</u> received and accepted from Cllrs A. Clarke and N. Coltman
32	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None given
33	<u>Confirmation of Minutes</u> RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee held on the 29 th March 2021 (Ref: StC/20/1/19-27) as a correct record and that they are signed by the Chairman.
34	<u>Progress Against the Town Council's Strategic Plan</u> The Committee all noted the progress report as previously circulated.
34.1	The Town Clerk updated the committee on a key points as follows: Hailsham Street Market. The Communities Committee were due to discuss the street market and whether it is still viable and should be closed down or postponed for the time being. The Town Council's Works Team manager had submitted an email advising that he felt the market should be suspended for the time being and perhaps relaunched in Spring of 2022. Cllr Blake-Coggins enquired what would happen if traders who attend the market still wanted to trade? It was explained that they would have to seek permission from WDC as they own and licence the site. Cllrs Powis and Puttick suggested that some research could be undertaken to ascertain why stall holders were not attending the market and whether they may seek to return once covid restrictions had been lifted on the 19 th . The committee RESOLVED that this issue should be referred to and considered indepth by the Communities Committee
34.2	Maurice Thornton playing field and facilities. The contract for the pavilion roof has been awarded (slightly over budget). The situation with regard to the Town Council's lease for the site is on agenda for next week's council meeting as an offer has been made.
34.3	Welbury Farm Land. The Town Clerk and Officer Team had been liaising with Taylor Wimpey over their completion of the repairs and surveying of the facility to ensure it was of the required standard for HTC to agree to take it on. The council had resolved that when all tasks are complete, the officer team will meet Taylor Wimpey on site and then make a recommendation to the Assets Committee council on the suitability of the land and

	facilities.
34.4	Ersham Road ‘Triangle’/Village Green: WDC are scheduled to attend the next council meeting and discuss this issue under confidential business.
34.5	MASHH Committee: a meeting date has been set for the afternoon of 19 th August. HTC’s members of the committee are Cllrs Holbrook and Coltman (plus WDC and County Cllrs). The meeting will predominantly consist of updates from County Council Highways on their progress with the various planned schemes.
35	<p><u>Review of the Council’s Strategic Plan</u> The committee had previously resolved to hold off reviewing the plan this council year because of the effects of covid on council services. The question now was how to proceed with the review.</p> <p>The committee agreed that this should be delayed further until the Neighbourhood Plan and Assets Management Committees had been able to meet and appoint their Chairs and Deputy Chairs.</p> <p>Cllr Powis advised that he felt an effective approach to this would be to hold a half or full-day’s workshop to concentrate on reviewing the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The committee RESOLVED to defer this issue until the next meeting.</p>
36	<u>Community Infrastructure Levy Projects</u>
36.1	<p>The Town Clerk explained that this issue was linked to the review of the council’s strategic plans. The report previously circulated had given the list of previous resolutions and amounts of CIL paid: HTC had received £560K of CIL payments, plus an additional £82.5K of backdated payment was being held by WDC. There had been no payment of CIL due for April as no new houses had been built in the parish.</p> <p>The Town Council had commitments to spend totalling £350K leaving £218K and the committee were asked what process to put in place to determine how that is spent.</p>
36.2	<p>The amount of CIL ringfenced for the cemetery pathways was listed as £20K, but this was queried as it was thought to have been £40K – Mr Harrison to check this.</p> <p>A template had previously been circulated asking the committees for more detail of the proposed projects that they had put forward, including costs and how each project was a capital project.</p>
36.3	The committee RESOLVED to ask the Neighbourhood Planning and Assets Management Committees to fill in the CIL Project forms with the level of detail required for the Strategy Committee to then prioritise and decide on the suggested projects.
37	There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.47pm
	CHAIRMAN