



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
STRATEGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Strategy Committee,
held at the, Fleur-De-Lys Council Chamber, Market Street, Hailsham
On Tuesday 17th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

STC/21/6/ 38	<u>Public Forum</u> None presented
39	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs; G. Blake-Coggins, D. Cottingham, M. Laxton, R. Newark, K. Nicholls, T. Powis and J. Puttick (Chair in Cllr Holbrook's absence)
40	<u>Officers Present:</u> J. Harrison (Town Clerk)
41	<u>Apologies For Absence:</u> received and accepted from Cllrs A. Clarke, N. Coltman and P. Holbrook (Chair)
42	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Cllr Ross Newark declared an interest as he is a Director of Hailsham Active.
43	<u>Confirmation of Minutes</u> RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee held on the 6 th July 2021 as a correct record and that they are signed by the Chairman.
44	<u>Progress Against the Town Council's Strategic Plan</u>
44.1	The Committee all noted the progress report as previously circulated.
44.2	The Town Clerk updated the committee on a key-points as follows: Hailsham Street Market. The communities committee had looked into the rules regarding which traders were allowed to trade at the market. John Harrison had spoken to an officer at WDC who had advised that each application would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, HTC would need to glean as much detail as possible on what they wished to sell and forward to WDC who would make the decision. Battle Road Play Area – the improvements to the play areas had been cited as a potential CIL project. Maurice Thornton Pavilion and Field – the roof had now been completed. The renewal of the lease was pending and still to be determined. A meeting had been set up with the relevant officer at WDC. Cemetery Space – the best option for expansion of capacity now would be in the Hellingly area. There is a need to re-start meetings with Hellingly PC to discuss working together. Communications and Marketing – the newsletter distributor will not be offering that service soon, therefore this was to be an agenda item for the next Assets Management Committee. The Neighbourhood Plan process would need to start again soon as Wealden's Draft local Plan is expected for the 'Spring'. MASHH – the committee had last met in November with another scheduled for March. The

	<p>Ersham Road/South Road junction issue was progressing. The Town Council wished to re-iterate the conditions under which it had made the agreement with WDC.</p> <p>Staffing review – the committee were keen to take this forwards and had previously resolved that this should be put in place once the council’s Strategic Plan had been re-written.</p> <p>The council should be careful to build-in the completed environmental policy into the new plan.</p> <p>Selling off areas of unused land – agreed that this would be revisited on the next Assets Management agenda. Cllr Laxton declared an interest in this matter as she is a Director of the Hailsham Community Land Trust.</p>
45	<p><u>Review of the Council’s Strategic Plan</u></p>
45.1	<p>The committee discussed the best means of progressing with the review of the council’s strategic plan and re-iterated that it was vital to have officer’s involvement in the process and input into the plan as they have ‘on-the-ground’ knowledge of what will work.</p>
45.2	<p>It was suggested that the best way to achieve this would be to hold two half-day ‘workshops’ to work on specific aspects of the council’s plan and that the Town Clerk should forward the plan to officers before this to ask for any suggestions and opinions on what should be included.</p>
45.3	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Clerk would forward the plan to officers and ask for input • Workshops would be organised from the end of February • Committees would also be asked for their input into the plan
46	<p><u>Community Infrastructure Levy Projects</u></p> <p>It was noted that CIL projects would be on the agenda for the next committee meetings, giving the committees the opportunity to complete templates for the projects they have identified.</p>
47	<p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.19pm</p>
	<p>CHAIRMAN</p>