



**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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

STC/21/7/ 48	<b><u>Public Forum</u></b> None presented
49	<b><u>Present:</u></b> Cllrs; G. Blake-Coggins, N. Coltman, P. Holbrook (Chair), M. Laxton, R. Newark, and J. Puttick.
50	<b><u>Officers Present:</u></b> J. Harrison (Town Clerk)
51	<b><u>Apologies For Absence:</u></b> received and accepted from Cllrs A. Clarke, K. Nicholls and T. Powis.
52	<b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b> None given
53	<b><u>Confirmation of Minutes</u></b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on the 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a correct record and that they are signed by the Chairman.
54	<b><u>Progress Against the Town Council's Strategic Plan</u></b> The committee noted the report previously circulated by the Town Clerk.  Cllr Laxton suggested that the report should form the basis for the next item and asked if there was anything on the plan we should highlight at this point as no longer relevant.  The committee agreed that some aspects of the current plan should now be removed whereas others remain relevant.
55	<b><u>Review of the Council's Strategic Plan</u></b>  The committee was presented with a report with ideas from key officers for things they want to include in the next plan.
55.1	Cllr Laxton suggested that the committee needs to debate how much HTC wants to take forward the Hailsham forward agenda. This forms part of debate on strategic future for the town and is an integral part of someone's role. Cllr Coltman advised that as long as it still exists it should stay in the HTC plan.
55.2	Zero tolerance on dilapidated buildings – remains relevant.
55.3	The Street Market is ongoing.
55.4	The development Grovelands Barn to be removed from the plan.
55.5	Tree management plan to remain
55.6	Maurice Thornton to remain. It has been agreed to cede control to a CIC. The Lease remains pending with WDC needs to be issued. The question of the pavilion remains outstanding, suggested organising a meeting between the Works Manager and Assets

55.7	Management Committee chair to work out what needs to be done. site – work out what Common Pond – is a new project in itself.
55.8	Welbury Farm – we're still waiting for developer re the land. Taylor Wimpey have ceased communicating. Therefore still needs to be in the plan.
55.9	Ersham Road Triangle is currently being taken forwards.
55.10	This has been addressed through the MASHH steering group. The issue of additional parking should still be part of the plans. It has been made very clear to WDC that HTC expects to take ownership of the new piece of village green. Discussions to be held over the process of how we exchange pieces of land.
55.11	Town Council base – will be taken out.
55.12	Additional Cemetery space – ongoing discussions with Hellingly - to remain. Developing Customer services – remain
55.13	Local Council Award scheme -this committee agreed to put on hold. There is a large amount of work that goes with it.
55.14	Newsletter – to remain. Also discussed how the HTC Comms Officer could potentially forge links with local TV and radio stations.
55.15	Post Office – the committee discussed as need to build in meeting with the staff about developing the PO.
55.16	<b>CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the next part of discussions on this agenda item are conducted under confidential business as they concerns: engagement, terms of service and ongoing legal matters, or are otherwise confidential in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No 1E.
55.17	The committee discussed ongoing partnership work and agreed with the need to engage an external person with relevant expertise to take this forwards.
55.18	The committee discussed the Hailsham Aspires project and potential outcomes that would affect the Hailsham Town Council.
55.19	The committee then came out of confidential business
55.20	It was agreed to schedule workshops on dates previously given (6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> April, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022), for the committee to work through developing the council's strategic plan, with input and feedback from relevant officers. The first meeting to take place without officers to go through the main ideas.
56	There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.57pm
	CHAIRMAN