



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF a meeting of the ASSETS COMMITTEE to be held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham

Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

1. **Public Forum**

To deal with any questions or brief representations from members of the public relevant to the remit of the committee, in accordance with Standing Order 1. and Hailsham Town Council policy. (15 Minutes)

2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence of appointed members.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive notice of declarations of personal or prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – Assets Management Committee**

4.1 To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee) held on Wednesday 7th December 2022 (Ref AMC/22/65-70) and 8th February 2023 (Ref: AMC/22/6/82-99), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 8th February 2023

5. **Garden Guardians**

Update

6. **Warm Bank Sub Committee**

Update

7. **Brunel Drive**

To receive an update on the situation regarding traffic on Brunel Drive and consider further measures

8. Confidential Business

To Resolve that items 9 (Maurice Thornton), and 10 (2 North Street), be transacted following the temporary exclusion of members of the Public and Press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No. 1E.

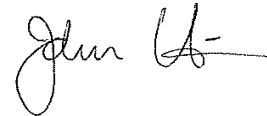
The reasons for exclusion are: The beginning of legal proceedings and the terms of tenders for contracts or negotiations

9. Maurice Thornton

To consider a request for Section 106 Funding

10. 2 North Street

To receive an update on the lease negotiations



John Harrison, Town Clerk

Committee Membership:

Cllr C. Bryant
Cllr R. Grocock
Cllr P. Holbrook
Cllr M. Laxton
Cllr T. Powis
Cllr R. Newark

Substitutes:

Cllr N. Coltman
Cllr D. Cottingham
Cllr B. Holbrook
Cllr J. Puttick

REPORT TO: ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 15th March 2023

BY: KAREN GIDDINGS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT OFFICER /
COUNCILLOR STEVE KEOGH

TITLE OF REPORT: To receive an update on the situation regarding traffic on Brunel Drive and consider further measures

BACKGROUND:

There have been a number of recent parking problems with users of the Hall parking on Brunel Drive and causing issues with some drivers driving dangerously and the residents of Brunel Drive not being able to access their properties.

At the Assets Management Committee meeting in February, it was agreed to vet closely all future bookings and find out the estimated number of attendees and cars that will use the car park, to ensure there are no future parking issues.

It was also agreed that all users of the Hall must be asked to park their vehicles in the James West car park rather than on Brunel Drive

Councillor Keogh has been in regular touch with East Sussex County Council in relation to these parking issues in Brunel Drive and after a recent site meeting East Sussex Council have recommended in the short term, a feasibility study carried out by them which will require funding from the Local Council.

East Sussex Council have also suggested the Town Council places Cognitive Behavioural Signs not just in Welbury and The Grange but across all of the Town Council wards.

ESCC Road Safety could provide HTC with 'process and training' to ensure that the signs are placed strategically and correctly at the right points. For example, I have the 'Children Crossing Sign' placed outside James West (where they do) and on entry to Brunel 30 mph 'Slow Down'

East Sussex Council have given the following information about the signs:

Temporary Road Safety Signs Conditions for Installation-

These posters have been found very useful to alert drivers to conditions that they need to be made aware of, such as children in the area or a 30mph speed limit, however it has been found that they lose their effectiveness after a period of time. It is therefore advised that after a period of 3 months, the posters are removed and erected at a different location.

In towns display of signs should be limited to no more than ten roads in any three month period. By restricting the presence of these signs they have a greater impact on influencing driver behaviour. Once a driver becomes familiar with their presence they are less likely to register the message. The same advice applies in respect to limiting the number of signs that are placed in any one road. If numerous signs are placed this

has a detrimental effect on the environment and dilutes the effectiveness of the signs. Drivers will notice something that is different in their usual environment. An overload of information is detrimental to road safety.

The signs must only be used in a manner which reflects the conditions of the area. For example, signs with children on them should only be used near playgrounds or schools. Signs displaying a speed limit, such as the 'remember 30mph' signs must only be used within the speed limit that it displays.

Temporary signs must not obstruct sight-lines at side roads or roundabouts, nor obscure a road user's view of other signs and signals. Care should be taken to avoid adding to already complex sign assemblies as only a limited amount of information can be read from moving vehicles. Signs should be placed where they are not obscured by foliage, street furniture or other signs.

Road users are accustomed to signs being on the left hand side and such positioning should be general practice. However siting on the right will sometimes be dictated by road geometry, e.g. where a clear view of the sign cannot be obtained on the left.

The edge of a sign nearest to the carriageway should be at least 450mm from the edge of the carriageway and at least 600mm on roads known to be in frequent use by Heavy Goods Vehicles to allow for their wider mirror assemblies. Setting the signs back from the carriageway edge will reduce the potential for them to be knocked and damaged.

Where signs are mounted above or projected over footways or areas readily accessible to pedestrians, the lower edge of the sign must not be less than 2100mm from the ground. This should be increased to 2300mm over cycle tracks or shared use facilities. Where a sign is mounted above a verge, the mounting height should be between 900mm and 1500mm above the highest point of the adjacent carriageway, but special care must be taken not to obstruct sight-lines e.g. for vehicles emerging from side roads. The safety of horse riders using the verge should also be considered.

Temporary signs should never be fixed to posts which already support any of the following signs:

- STOP
- GIVE WAY
- 'no entry'
- Speed limit (other than repeater signs)
- Traffic signals

Signs must not be attached to pedestrian guard railing as this will hinder the through sight which allows a driver to see a pedestrian, particularly children who may not be visible above the height of the rail. Using posts which carry regulatory signs or triangular warning signs should be avoided where there is a risk of confusing drivers or distracting their attention.

Signs may be fixed to private property outside of the highway limits with the permission of the owner. This may be the only feasible way to install these signs in rural areas as lamp columns will not necessarily be available. Special posts or supports should not be installed in highway verges as these could cause injury to a driver in the event of an accident.

Temporary signs must not obscure any part of another sign face fixed to the same post. The overall appearance must be tidy. The fixings must attach the sign securely to its support and not damage the protective coating of any posts. They should be adequate to prevention of rotation or slippage. Cable ties are a suitable method of fixing as they can be securely fastened, are unlikely to cause damage and may be easily removed.

Approval for the installation of these signs is subject to the conditions above and full indemnity being given against any claim which may arise from their installation. The Town Council is responsible for taking reasonable steps to ensure safety when installing and removing these signs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The feasibility study is for an expert to review all the issues and potential options to ameliorate the road safety and parking on Brunel Drive and Hedley Way. This is part of the ESCC due process and they have mandated this before consideration of any Community Share Scheme.

These problems with parking and road safety will need to be resolved as we discussed at the last meeting.

The cost of the feasibility study is approximately £500