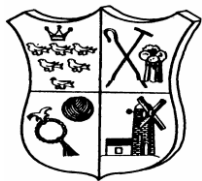


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.00 pm.

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Public Forum

T. Powis thanked everyone for all their hard work on the Committee over the last year.

The Committee thanked T. Powis for all his work as Chair of the Committee

G. Osborne addressed the Committee, requesting permission to hold the Bonfire event at Western Road Recreation Ground in October 2023

J. Bartlett, the Chair of Hailsham United, thanked T. Powis for all his help with the Football Club

S. Wennington advised that the Football Club cannot train on Maurice Thornton at the moment as it is so wet and so they have had to move the Hailsham United Players to the rugby pitch temporarily, for training. He advised the Football Club can no longer train at the Hailsham Community College due to the high hire costs

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Committee members present

Councillors: C. Bryant, R. Grocock, M. Laxton, T. Powis, J. Puttick (substituting for P. Holbrook)

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison, K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillors P. Holbrook, S. Keogh and R. Newark

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor M. Laxton declared a personal interest in Hailsham Active as she is a Director of Hailsham Active

Councillor C. Bryant declared a personal interest in the agenda item for the Bonfire Society as he is a member of the Bonfire Society

T. Powis declared a personal interest in the agenda item for the Cemetery Lodge, as he volunteers at the Charity run by the tenant at the Lodge, Simon Rooksby

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on 15th March 2023 (AMC/22/7/100-111) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

117 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 15th March 2023**

- J. Harrison advised he will be organising the letter requested for the Garden Guardians project
- The feasibility study for Brunel Drive is progressing
- The drainage at Maurice Thornton is being looked into and will be placed on a later agenda
- 2 North Street will be placed on the agenda for May as it cannot go on the current agenda due to purdah

118 **Bonfire Event 2023**

Members agreed that last year's event was again a success and that it is a very positive and enjoyable event for the Town. G. Osborne advised that removing the soil in preparation for the event, instead of re-seeding, works better to repair the soil after the event

118.1 **RESOLVED** to grant permission for the Bonfire Society to hold their 2023 event on Western Road Recreation Ground

C. Bryant abstained from voting

119 **Cricket Club**

Members were advised that Lightning Fibre had contacted the Council stating that they would like to provide a full-fibre broadband connection into the Hailsham Cricket Club, free of charge, "as part of Lightning Fibre's commitment to the local community".

Members were in favour of this request and agreed to delegate the details of the work to Officers.

119.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the proposal and delegate authority to the Council Officers to agree the least obtrusive method for Lightening Fibre to install the cable

120 **Health Park Project – Signs**

Members discussed the layout of the signs. They agreed to place the order with Ricochet and for the signs to be made of aluminium. It was requested that the local sports clubs are consulted with to get their approval of the signs

Members also agreed the following changes and additions to the signs:

- The sign for Western Road Recreation ground should be landscape, with the remainder to be portrait
- To leave the exact locations of the signs for Officers to decide
- To organise a total of 6 signs
- No contact details to be placed on the actual signs but all these details to be linked to the QR Code placed on the signs
- To add "9 x circuit = 5K" onto the Western Road Recreation Ground sign, where it states "jogging path" so users know the laps of the track

120.1 **RESOLVED** to place the order for the signs with Ricochet, once the agreed changes have

been made to the signs and once the Sports Clubs have also agreed the signs

121 **Warm Bank Sub Committee**

Members were advised that the Community Fridge has moved to the Old Forge in Hailsham and the users of the Warm Bank at the James West Centre had advised that they would not visit the Warm Bank if the Community Fridge was not there.

It was agreed that a community facility could still be run from the James West Centre, in the future, if there is a need for it, and that this possible resurrection of the Warm Bank could be reviewed in the Autumn

122 **Hailsham Cemetery Lodge**

A request had been received from S. Rooksby, the tenant of Hailsham Cemetery Lodge, to carry out some work to the bathroom in the Lodge

Members were advised that S. Rooksby will pay for the work to the bathroom - he is just asking for permission to undertake the work

122.1 **RESOLVED** to grant permission to S. Rooksby to organise the work to the bathroom at the Cemetery Lodge and to make the final choice on which quotation to choose

S. Wennington and J. left the meeting at 7.40 pm

123 **Confidential Business**

To Resolve that due to the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and possible disclosure of personal or legal information not in the public interest at the present time, the following items of business be transacted following the temporary exclusion of members of the Public and Press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No. 1E.

Maurice Thornton Playing Field

124 **Maurice Thornton Playing Field**

Members discussed the proposed Heads or Terms for the sub-let of the Maurice Thornton Playing Field and viewed a map showing the approximate area to be sub let. J. Harrison advised that this map will be drawn up accurately when the sub lease is drawn up

Much discussion ensued.

On the point stating "Overall grass area to be cut by Hailsham Town Council as now, with any additional cutting, pitch treatment, line marking etc responsibility of club" – members considered that the wording "as now" is unclear and agreed that it needs to be determined exactly how many cuts take place in the year and this to be clarified in the terms

124.1 **RESOLVED to:**

- i) agree in principle to the proposed Heads of Terms, subject to any legal agreements
- ii) The Town Council to pay the legal fees for the Sub Lease
- iii) To define the wording "as now" and clarify how many cuts this refers to

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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