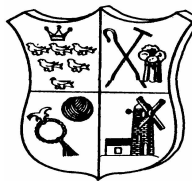


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7.00 pm.

AMC/22/51

Public Forum

S. Wennington updated the Committee on the current Hailsham Active projects. He advised he was meeting with the NHS the following day, to discuss exercise for Hailsham residents.

S. Wennington further advised there had been some confusion with Hailsham Active and Wealden Council regarding the lease for the Maurice Thornton Pavilion. He reported that Hailsham Active are only requesting that the lease is raised to a 50 year lease which he is then requesting be changed to allowing sub letting.

J. Harrison confirmed that it had been agreed to change the lease to allowing sub letting.

S. Wennington left the meeting at 7.10 pm

J. Harrison read an email to the Committee, from a local resident, requesting the Council place CCTV in a residential street, adjacent Reef Way.

M. Laxton requested to know whether the resident had approached the company that manage the Estate, as this area is not Council owned.

It was agreed to place this item on the next agenda for further discussion.

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Committee members present

Councillors: C. Bryant, R. Grocock, P. Holbrook, S. Keogh, M. Laxton, R. Newark, T. Powis

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison, K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor J. Cook

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Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors M. Laxton and R. Newark declared a personal interest in Hailsham Active as they are Directors of Hailsham Active

R. Grocock declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Grovelands Barn as he is a member of Hailsham in Bloom, who are based in Grovelands Barn.

55 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 (Ref: AMC/ 22/3/32-50) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

56 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 28th September 2022**

- Members were shown a picture giving the location where the Tennis Club wish to place their additional sign, advertising the Tennis Club. Members agreed to the placing of this additional sign, by the post along the fence adjacent Western Road.

R. Grocock abstained from voting on this matter

- K. Giddings reported that the Calamity Crafters had been advised the Council could not waive the fees for their use of the meeting room
- J. Harrison advised that the resolution not to progress with the changing spaces project and for the Town Council to enter into discussions with Wealden District Council to discuss their potential location of a Changing Places facility at Vicarage Field, and working with them to identify solutions and timescales, had been accepted by Full Council.

M. Laxton expressed her great disappointment at the resolution made in relation to the changing spaces project. M. Laxton advised she will take her campaign back to Wealden Council. She further expressed concern that Wealden Council will request the CIL money is returned.

- The work to the Kemer Kebab window is being undertaken

57 **999 Day**

Councillor S. Murphy addressed the Committee regarding his request to hold a 999 Day event on Western Road Recreation Ground on the Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2023. He advised that if the weather is bad in the run up to the event a "Plan B" would be to hold the event on South Road Car Park.

Members were in full support of the event.

RESOLVED to:

- i) agree to the request to hold a 999 Day on the Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2023, providing the date is acceptable for all the Clubs using Western Road Recreation Ground
- ii) Councillor Murphy to liaise directly with the Tennis Club and Cricket Club regarding the event

58 **Budget**

Members asked whether the Finance Officer could set out to the Committee what would be the agreeable minimum and maximum figure that could be proposed for the budget.

59 **Grovelands Barn**

Members were advised that the Works Manager had expressed some concern over the open tub that has been used in the Barn to make the Bonfire torches, and that this could be a fire hazard.

The Bonfire Society had advised that no flammable liquid was stored at the Barn.

Members were advised that the original resolution was for storage only, not for making the torches in the barn.

Much discussion ensued and members agreed that they wished to support the Bonfire Society but that the appropriate insurance cover must be in place.

R. Grocock asked for it to be recorded that he had no objection for the Bonfire Society to use the Barn for storage only, but not to allow the Society to use the Barn for any other activity, including torch making.

It was suggested a gazebo could be set up outside the Barn for the torch making.

It was agreed a meeting should be arranged between the Town Council and the Bonfire Society to further discuss the arrangements at the Barn and insurance cover.

RESOLVED:

- i) to meet with the Bonfire Society to discuss the current arrangements for the use of Grovelands Barn and to discuss the appropriate insurance cover that needs to be in place
- ii) To produce a formal agreement between the Bonfire Society and the Town Council

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Warm Bank

J. Harrison read a letter from East Sussex County Council and Wealden Council in relation to their plans for setting up Warm Banks. He reported that East Sussex County Council will be setting up the local libraries as Warm Banks.

Members also noted that Hailsham East will be providing a Warm Bank as well as the Charles Hunt Centre.

Much discussion ensued and members agreed they wished to investigate the possibility of the Town Council holding a Warm Bank in the James West Centre.

It was agreed to set up a Sub Committee to investigate the matter and discuss the running by the Town Council of a Warm Bank in more detail and bring back to the Committee for discussion at the November meeting.

RESOLVED to set up a Warm Bank Sub Committee to report to the Assets Committee Councillors S. Keogh, A. Ricketts, P. Holbrook and R. Newark volunteered to be on the Committee

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Health Parks Project

T. Powis stated that the purpose of the health parks project is how to improve a green space to make it more appealing

He advised he would put all the details into a format that is easier to read and bring back to

the next meeting for discussion

P. Gibson left the meeting at 8.45 pm

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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 Pavilion

Welbury Farm

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Maurice Thornton Pavilion

Members discussed the possible leasing of the Maurice Thornton Pavilion to the Football Club

J. Harrison advised that there is no clause in the current lease that allows sub letting. A new lease is being created and J. Harrison stated that the new lease will allow the Council to sub let the Pavilion.

Members discussed the running costs that could be given to the Football Club for the Pavilion. It was agreed that the Committee should meet directly with the Football Club to discuss this further.

It will be necessary to sort out all outstanding issues.

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Welbury Farm

Members discussed the proposed adoption of the land at Welbury Farm and whether the land was in a fit state to adopt, or whether the developers were in breach of contract.

Members noted the cost to repair the wet pour in the play area is £11,500

Much discussion ensued and members agreed to propose to Full Council to adopt the land at Welbury Farm.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to adopt the land at the Welbury Farm development

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm