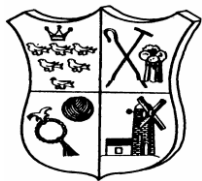


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 7.00 pm.

AMC/22/5/65 Public Forum

The Committee held a minutes silence for Mrs M. Burt, who had previously served as a Councillor and had recently passed away

Common Pond Warden Mr P. Hobden, R. Wilkinson and S. Wennington were all present and asked if they could speak at the relevant agenda items

66 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

67 Apologies For Absence:

Councillor J. Cook

68 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

69 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 (Ref: AMC/ 22/4/51-64) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

70 To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 26th October

- The budget is on the way to being set
- J. Harrison advised that the meeting with the Bonfire Society has not yet been arranged but will take place shortly
- The lease has been received for the Maurice Thornton Pavilion
- The recommendation to take on responsibility of the land at Welbury Farm was agreed at Full Council

71 Cricket Club

R. Wilkinson of the Cricket Club addressed the Committee in relation to two requests, requesting that the surface outside the front of the pavilion and inside the cricket fence is adapted to make it more usable throughout the year.

Area inside the Cricket Fence at front of Pavilion

R. Wilkinson advised he has also purchased two new picnic benches to go inside the picket fence, outside the Club.

- 71.1 **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal to install a surface outside of the pavilion, within the picket fence, subject to Officers approving the final technical design of the project

Pathway outside of the Cricket Pavilion

R. Wilkinson advised that the pathway outside the front of the pavilion will not be a permanent tarmac, to allow for drainage.

The Cricket Club will take charge of maintaining the path.

Members agreed the path must be of a suitable surface and away from the trees

R. Wilkinson advised that the surface will not be a permanent tarmac, to allow for drainage.

- 71.2 **RESOLVED** to approve the request to install a pathway outside of the Cricket Pavilion, subject to the officer's final agreement as to the type of path to be installed

R. Wilkinson left the meeting at 7.25 pm

Maryan Alcove

P. Hobden asked the Committee whether he could remove the hedge and replace with rhododendrons to add some colour to the area.

- 72.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the Pond Warden's request to remove the hedge and re-plant with a suitable plant

Bonfire Society

A request had been received from the Bonfire Society to hold a family event on Western Road Recreation Ground on Sunday 7th May, to celebrate the King's Coronation.

It was noted that the Bonfire Society wish to hold a family event every year on the Recreation Ground, similar to, and in replacement of, the Lions Fun Day

Although the event next year will be in May, for the coronation, future events will be held in June or July

- 73.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the Bonfire Societies request to hold a family fun day event on Western Road Recreation Ground on Sunday 7th May. The Bonfire Society to liaise with the Cricket Club in relation to the event and how to protect the Cricket pitch

Councillor C. Bryant abstained from voting as he is a member of the Bonfire Society

Bonfire Fireworks Event

The Committee agreed the Bonfire event in October had been very successful. Members agreed security at the event was well organised.

J. Harrison requested that the fire crackers are not placed near the War Memorial and asked if they could be set away from the War Memorial, as they tarnish the structure.

It was agreed the fire crackers would not be placed near the war memorial in future events.

75 **CCTV Request**

J. Harrison relayed a request from a member of the public to place CCTV in a residential area in Reef Way

Members discussed the request and it was noted that the Town Council does not own and is not responsible for, any land in this area

It was agreed a Town Council policy is needed stating that the Town Council will not take on any additional CCTV, dog bins, street lights in areas that is it not responsible for, including any management company owned land

It was agreed that antisocial behaviour is a police matter

75.1 **RESOLVED** to:

- i) refuse the request to place CCTV in Reef Way
- ii) Create a policy stating that the Town Council does not place dog bins, street lights, CCTV or bus shelters in areas that it is not responsible for, for the term of the strategy plan. The Town Council will still consider additional items on land it is responsible for

P. Hobden left the meeting at 7.45 pm

76 **Warm Bank**

K. Giddings updated members on the recent meeting held to discuss proposals for a Warm Bank

The Warm Bank Sub Committee had proposed the following to the Asset Committee:

RESOLVED to recommend to the Assets Management Committee that the James West Centre is advertised as a Warm Bank in Meeting Room 1, with the use of the kitchen, on Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 am to 12 midday, throughout December, January and February

Members agreed they were happy with the proposals and decisions of the Sub Committee and agreed to the resolution

76.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the decisions proposed by the Warm Bank Sub Committee

77 **Health Parks Project**

Members agreed the health parks project was quite in depth and needed time spent on organising it

It was agreed that Councillors T. Powis, R. Newark and P. Holbrook would meet for initial discussions and possibly set up a Sub Committee in the New Year

The item will be taken back to the Assets Committee at a future meeting

P. Gibson and S. Wennington left the meeting at 8.10 pm

78 **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.

Land Transfer – Ersham Road Village Green

Four Market Square – Tenancy agreement

Maurice Thornton Playing Field – S106 Obligation Payment (WD/2017/0458)

79 **Land Transfer – Ersham Road Village Green**

Members agreed they were in acceptance of the legal agreement, providing the Wealden District Council cover the legal costs

It was agreed for the Deputy Town Clerk, M. Cairn and Works Manager R. Gillett to undertake a survey of the land at Cuckoo fields

79.1 **RESOLVED** to accept the legal agreement subject to:

- i) Obtaining legal advice
- ii) Wealden Council covering the legal costs
- iii) The Town Council Works Team surveying the land

80 **Four Market Square – Tenancy agreement**

Members were advised that Crosslink Trust are no longer running and the Company wish to transfer the lease to Hailsham Foodbank

80.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the request to transfer the tenancy lease from Crosslink to Hailsham Foodbank, subject to the tenant covering any legal costs

81 **Maurice Thornton Playing Field – S106 Obligation Payment (WD/2017/0458)**

Members were advised that approximately £32,000 was available from S106 payments

Much discussion ensued and the Committee requested quotations for drainage on Maurice Thornton be obtained. Once the costs for this are established, other projects can be considered (providing funds are still available).

It was agreed that professional advice must be sought regarding drainage at Maurice Thornton.

81.1 **RESOLVED** that:

- i) The Town Clerk to confirm to Wealden Council that the Town Council wish to use the S106 payment towards drainage at Maurice Thornton Playing Field
- ii) The Town Council seek professional advice on the appropriate drainage measures needed and costs required

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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