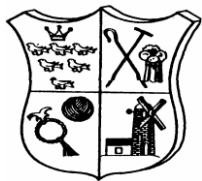


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 7.00 pm.

AMC/23/1/1

## **Election of Chair**

Councillor P. Holbrook nominated Councillor K. Blundell

Seconded by Councillor K. Blundell

Councillor M. Laxton nominated M. Laxton

Seconded by Councillor C. Mitchell

Councillor K. Blundell received 3 votes

Councillor M. Laxton received 4 votes

Councillor M. Laxton was elected as Chair of the Committee

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## **Public Forum**

Two residents of Carpenters Way addressed the Committee in relation to the area of open space in Carpenters Way. They complained that the area was overgrown and unkempt and asked if the area could be improved and tidied up.

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## **Election of Vice Chair**

Councillor A Blake Coggins proposed Councillor K. Blundell

Seconded by Councillor K. Blundell

Councillor K. Blundell was elected as Vice Chair

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: A. Blake Coggins, K. Blundell, C. Bryant, N. Hayes, P. Holbrook, M. Laxton, C. Mitchell

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison, K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

None were received

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor C. Bryant declared a personal interest in the agenda item for the Bonfire Society

as he is a member of the Bonfire Society

Councillor P. Holbrook declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Carpenters Way as he was involved in the play area consultation with the Carpenters Way residents

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (AMC/22/8/112-124) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

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### **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The Bonfire Society have been advised they have been granted permission to hold their bonfire event on Western Road Recreation Ground on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Lightning Fibre have been contacted in relation to the full fibre broadband connection for the Cricket Club, at Western Road and advised they can carry out the work

The sports clubs are being consulted in relation to the new sports signs and the final details for the signs are now being considered

S. Rooksby has been advised he can proceed with the proposed work to the bathroom of the Cemetery Lodge

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### **Western Road Recreation Ground**

T. Luff from The Bonfire Society advised that the recent Fun Day event on the Recreation Ground had been very successful, and she asked if the Committee would consider giving permission for another event next year, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Members were in favour of supporting the event.

It was agreed that the organisers must be mindful of the weather and if the ground is very wet at the time of the event then vehicles and children's rides etc must stay at the edge of the ground, to protect the ground and prevent damage

C. Bryant abstained from voting

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**RESOLVED** to agree to the Bonfire Societies request to hold their Fun Day event on Western Road Recreation Ground on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

This is subject to consultation with the Cricket Club in relation to the event and monitoring the wetness of the ground. Changes to the layout of the event will be made if necessary, if the ground is wet, to prevent damage to the ground

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### **Carpenters Way**

Members discussed the request by local residents to carry out improvement works to the open space area at Carpenters Way.

It was noted that this area of land was one of the areas R. Ahimsa-Rae was considering for the "Garden Guardians" project. J. Harrison however advised he had recently contacted R. Ahimsa-Rae for an update on the Garden Guardians project, but had

received no response from her.

It was agreed to arrange a site visit with the Works Manager R. Gillett and Councillor M. Laxton and the local residents of Carpenters Way. Once this has taken place the item will be brought back to the Committee for further discussion.

10.1 **RESOLVED** to arrange a site visit at Carpenters Way with the local residents and following this site meeting to bring the item back to Committee for further discussion

11 **Appointment of Cemetery Wardens**

Councillors B. Holbrook and A. Blake Coggins volunteered and were elected as the Cemetery Wardens

A Blake Coggins left the meeting at 7.40 pm

12 **Post Office Sub Committee**

Councillors M. Laxton, K. Blundell, C. Mitchell and P. Holbrook volunteered for the Post Office Sub Committee

All members were in agreement

13 **Tour of Sites**

Members were advised the Tour of the Town Council sites was open to all Councillors and a date for the tour would be arranged shortly

14 **Maurice Thornton Pavilion**

Members discussed the proposals received from the Football Club, for work to the Pavilion, to install a new kitchen.

Much discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Council must be informed of the exact work which the Football Club wish to undertake.

**RESOLVED** to give consent to the Football Club for the work, providing the Town Council is given the appropriate documentation, outlining exactly what work is being proposed for the Pavilion

15 **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.

16 **2 North Street**

Much discussion ensued in relation to the lease at 2 North Street

Members agreed that due to financial restraints it would be necessary to terminate the lease and close the toilets

16.1 **RESOLVED** to terminate both leases at 2 North Street, in their entirety  
Councillors K. Blundell, N. Hayes and P. Holbrook abstained from voting  
3 members voted in favour of terminating both leases at 2 North Street

17 **Outstanding Land Issues**

Members noted the update for the land issues that remain outstanding

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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