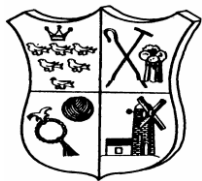


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



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

AMC/23/3/34 **Public Forum**

C. Weller, the new Chair of Hailsham Town Football Club, introduced himself to the Committee and asked if he could present his plans for the proposed new changing facilities and toilets at the Football Club, to the Town Council. He advised that the old changing rooms had been demolished. It was agreed this would be put on the agenda for the September meeting

Two members of the public spoke against the closing of the toilets at North Street. Mr Latter asked what is the cost per person for the toilets?

C. Kempe also spoke against the closing of the toilets. She stated that members of the public should not have to rely on using supermarket toilets.

C. Douglas, PR and Marketing Manager of Knockhatch Adventure Park, spoke in relation to the proposal from Knockhatch Adventure Park to ask permission to place a sign on a Council owned area of land adjacent the roundabout at Diplocks Way.

35 **Committee members present**

Councillors: A. Blake Coggins, K. Blundell (Deputy Chair), N. Hayes, P. Holbrook, M. Laxton (Chair), C. Mitchell, S. Potts (substituting for C. Bryant), G. White

Other Councillors Present: Councillor A. Ricketts

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison, K. Giddings

36 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor C. Bryant

37 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor P. Holbrook declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Knockhatch as he has been in discussions with the Park, and he did not vote on the matter

38 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

It was noted that in the minutes of 21st June point 20.2 of the minutes should read ESALC instead of SALC

In the minutes of 28th June it was agreed the following statement was incorrect and to be removed from the minutes:

“The Town Council does not endorse or support nudity on its land and any request for events of this nature will be reviewed on an individual basis”.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 21st June and Wednesday 28th June 2023, as amended, are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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Update

- Water quality tests have been purchased and samples will be taken from the relevant sites and sent for analysis
- The “no swimming” and “no bathing” signs are ordered for the Hailsham Country Park
- No further complaints had been received in relation to the “Clothes Optional” charity event
- The proposed work to the Outdoor Gym will go on the Government Gateway
- The request to register the Firstfields Site as an “Asset of Community Value” was approved at Full Council and J. Harrison will fill in the forms

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Gleneagles Roundabout

Members discussed the request by Knockhatch Adventure Park to place an advertising sign on land adjacent the Gleneagles Roundabout

C. Douglas advised he would apply for planning permission for the sign

J. Harrison reported he has contacted Transport Development and Control for their advice on whether it would be acceptable to place a sign here. Concerns were raised that the sign could be a distraction for motorists.

K. Blundell suggested the land could be leased to Knockhatch for a nominal fee.

P. Holbrook also suggested that a fence could be erected by Knockhatch around the sign, in a similar style to the sign placed erected by Knockhatch on the opposite side of the road

Members agreed they supported the sign, subject to planning conditions

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RESOLVED to agree to the placement of an advertising sign on Council owned land adjacent the Gleneagles Roundabout, subject to planning consent and conditions

P. Holbrook did not vote on the matter

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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.

CCTV

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A representative from Sussex Police gave a presentation to the Committee in relation to

the current CCTV, with a proposal for HTC to take control of the town's CCTV. Members were advised that a decision needs to be made by October 2023. The representative of Sussex Police left the meeting at 8.05pm

42.2 Much discussion ensued. Cllr K. Blundell proposed that the matter is taken to Full Council for discussion at the September Full Council meeting

3 members voted in favour of the proposal
4 members voted against the proposal

42.3 Cllr C. Mitchell proposed that it is recommended to Full Council that the Council proceed with the recommendation by Sussex Police to take over control of the CCTV

4 members voted in favour
2 members voted against

P. Holbrook abstained from voting

42.4 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to agree to the proposals by Sussex Police for the Town Council to take over control of the CCTV in Hailsham

43 **Youth Service**

J. Cottingham, the new Deputy Youth Co-Ordinator, was introduced to the Committee.

He advised that the Youth Service are currently working with some pupils at Hailsham Community College, helping them to re-habilitate back into the school setting. He advised it is under discussion as to whether this will continue into September.

Members noted that this project so far had been a great success and thanked J. Cottingham for all his work on this project.

J. Cottingham left at 8.15 pm

44 **Pitreavie Drive**

A request had been received from a resident at Pitreavie Drive for the Town Council to pay the costs for a new fence as the resident had stated that the brambles on Town Council land had damaged the fence

Much discussion ensued and members did not consider the request should be granted due to the old age of the fence which was already in a poor state of repair.

44.1 **RESOLVED** not to agree to the request to replace the fence adjacent Council owned land at Pitreavie Drive

K. Blundell abstained from voting on the matter

45 **Cemetery**

A site visit had recently been undertaken by Councillors A. Blake Coggins and B. Holbrook

They stated that the cemetery was very well maintained and the grass was well cut

Members discussed the toilets at the Cemetery which are locked at the moment and

opened when needed for a cremation or burial or for the staff

B. Holbrook read a letter from a resident complaining that the Garden of Remembrance is overgrown and also asking for the toilets to be permanently opened

It was agreed A. Blake Coggins will undertake a feasibility study and bring this to the November Assets Committee meeting

S. Gillett will be invited to the November meeting

46 **Maurice Thornton Skatepark**

Members discussed a request from some users of the skatepark to create an additional area of concrete, to widen the concrete area at the current skateboard ramp

It was agreed the Works Manager contact a specialised company to gain advice and costs, to see whether this work can be carried out.

Members also requested that signs are placed at the skatepark instructing the users of the skatepark to wear helmets. It was suggested that the redundant sign at the green space at Blacksmith Copse could be moved and used for the placement of the signs

46.1 **RESOLVED** that the Works Manager will contact a specialist Skate Park contractor to discuss the possibility of extending the concrete area at the current skateboard ramp and to obtain a quotation for this work, to be considered at the next Assets Committee Meeting

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48 **Common Pond Improvements**

Tree Work

Members were advised that the tree work on the islands was already agreed at a previous meeting and a quotation has been received . The funding for this work to be taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

49 **Pathway**

Members discussed the overlaying of the pathway at the Common Pond. One quotation has been received

Members asked for the Works Manager to obtain two further quotations for the works.

49.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to agree the work to the Common Pond footpaths and to consider the three quotations at the next Full Town Council meeting in September

50 **Battle Road Play Area**

Members discussed the play area at Battle Road.

It was agreed to install an inclusive bench in the play area to allow for room for a wheel chair and to move the dog bin back from the play area back to its original place at the allotment gate.

Members also discussed the old hopscotch area in the play park that needs replacing and suggested this could be replaced with a small piece of play equipment. It was agreed this could be funded through CIL funding

Members asked for the Works Manager to obtain a quotations for a new piece of play equipment to replace the hopscotch area and an inclusive bench, to be considered at the September Full Council meeting

50.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to consider a quotation for a piece of play equipment to replace the old hopscotch area, plus an inclusive bench. Costs to be taken from Community Infrastructure Levy funding

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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