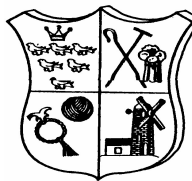


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00 pm.

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## **Public Forum**

S. Wennington updated the Committee with regard to Hailsham Active. He advised that they are applying for funding for exercise classes. He further advised he had met with the Football Club Association and Football Club Foundation. He stated he is concerned over the high costs that are being charged at a junior level for pitch hire and advised that the new proposed sports hub in Lower Horsebridge would be run by a private leisure company.

S. Wennington expressed concern that there are very few places for youngsters from a poor background to play sport and he stated that if the Town Council have more facilities for sport then there will be more funding available and this will be positive for the future of sports facilities in Hailsham.

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: A. Blake Coggins, K. Blundell (Deputy Chair), C. Bryant, M. Laxton (Chair), B. Holbrook (substituting for P. Holbrook), C. Mitchell

Other Councillors Present: Councillor G. Blake Coggins

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison, K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor P. Holbrook

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## **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

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## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 may be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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## **Hailsham Country Park**

A request had been received from Raystede Animal Charity to place a gazebo on Hailsham Country Park on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Charity advised they are not proposing to sell anything but will be speaking to members of the public advising them on animal welfare and giving advice to pet owners

56.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to Raystede Animal Charities request to place a gazebo at Hailsham Country Park on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

57 **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.

58 **Sports Facilities at Land West of Station Road**

M. Laxton addressed the Committee in relation to the proposal for the Town Council to take ownership of two pitches and changing rooms at the proposed development at Station Road.

M. Laxton reported that substantial work had gone on behind the scenes in preparation to bring as much detail on the proposed facilities as possible to the meeting, and she thanked K. Giddings and M. Webber for the additional work they had undertaken in relation to this.

M. Laxton further reported that Crest Nicholson had stated that if the Town Council does not take on responsibility for the sports facilities then it will be given to a Management Company to run.

G. Blake Coggins addressed the Committee, and considered that the sports facilities proposed would be of a huge benefit to the Town and for the future generations of children wishing to play sport.

Much discussion ensued and K. Blundell requested that clarification is sought that the facilities are being gifted to the Council and not leased

Members agreed that if the proposal is supported, Hailsham Active will be contacted for their assistance with the Community Use Agreement Form that is required to be completed.

Members noted a list of running costs and expenses provided by the Responsible Finance Office which will need to be considered.

All members advised they were in full support of taking on the proposed facility

58.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the Town Council take on responsibility for the pitches, changing rooms and car parking area at the proposed development at Land West of Station Road

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm