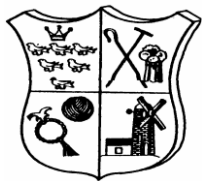


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the **Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Hailsham Town Council Offices**, Market Street, Hailsham on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.00 pm.

## AMC/24/6/74 **Public Forum**

M. Pelling and J. Bartlet from Hailsham United Football Club addressed the Committee, asking if they would support the Club by giving them £15,000 from CIL funding towards a disabled ramp to be built at the Pavilion

P. Turner from Hailsham expressed concern that the recreation ground has been flooded again, and considered this was due to the path that was installed at Western Road Recreation Ground. He stated that with more rainfall the area will continue to flood. He also asked about the grass cutting here.

M. Laxton advised that the budget setting will be on the next Assets agenda in November and the grass cutting can be looked at then.

P. Turner suggested French drainage is placed under the path.

It was agreed that P. Turner will email T. Lee to arrange for them to look at the ditches at the Beaconsfield site.

## 75 **Committee members present**

Councillors: A. Clarke (Chair), C. Bryant, B. Carpenter, D. Chapman, P. Holbrook, M. Laxton (Vice Chair), C. Mitchell, G. White

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings (Planning and Environment Officer), T. Lee (Operations Manager)

## 76 **Apologies For Absence:**

A Blake Coggins

## 77 **Declarations of Interest**

C. Bryant declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Hailsham United Football Club, as his sister plays for the club.

## 78 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

B. Carpenter asked for the following sentence to be added into minute 65 under "Station Road Sports Facility":

"J. Harrison to also send a formal letter to S. Wennington of Hailsham Active"

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 may be amended, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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### **Update**

- T. Lee advised he has accepted a quotation to change the locks on the new toilets and changing places facility at Vicarage Field
- M. Laxton confirmed that the changing places pod is being used and stated that the cleaning of the toilets by Wealden Council is exemplary
- T. Lee updated the Committee on the electrical work to the Town Council building. He stated that he has met with Wealden Council and he has requested a pre planning meeting with Historic England.
- The Committee asked for an update on the street lighting, to be put on the agenda for the November meeting. It was requested J. Harrison provide some alternative providers for the street lighting
- It was agreed for the agenda item for Environment Hailsham be placed on the November agenda for an update
- P. Holbrook advised the Committee that the Service Level Agreement is being looked into for the Youth Service's church building and that the Working Group will be meeting shortly to discuss this
- Members noted the Hailsham Lions have advised they are able to stay in their premises for the time being and were therefore not looking for alternative premises at the moment
- The Committee noted the 1 Market Square building could be used as a Banking Hub

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### **RESERVES/CIL**

Members noted the report

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### **Strategy Review**

Members noted the report on the meeting of the Working Group for the Strategy Review and agreed the following changes:

Number 14 bullet point to state "Hailsham Forward" rather than "Hailsham Ford"

"As per the Visioning Day" to be added to the end of the report.

It was agreed this would be fed into the strategy review.

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### **Union Corner Hall**

The Committee were asked to review the management of the Hall, in light of the recent resignation of the Hall Manager. The Chair of Union Corner Hall Management Committee had advised that if the Council were happy for the running of the Hall to remain as is, then the Chair of the Management Committee would start recruiting for a new Manager for the Hall.

B Carpenter suggested the management of the Hall should be brought "in house".

The Committee agreed the Council does not have the resources for this and it was agreed for the management to continue as is.

C. Mitchell agreed to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Councillor on the Union Corner Hall Committee.

B. Carpenter abstained from voting on the matter

82.1 **RESOLVED** for the management of Union Corner Hall to continue as is, and for the Chair of the Management Committee of the Hall to begin recruiting for a new Hall Manager

83 **Hempstead Lane Hailsham Town Sign**

Members noted that the location of the sign is London Road.

Members discussed whether to re-locate the sign and it was agreed to place it back in the original position.

6 members of the Committee voted in favour of placing the sign back in its original position

It was noted the work to put the sign back will be done "in house".

P. Holbrook and G. white abstained from voting on the matter.

83.1 **RESOLVED** to place the Hailsham Town sign back in its original location in London Road.

The work to be carried out "in house"

84 **Confidential Business**

**Resolved** 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.

85 **Western Road Recreation ground**

Members noted the tree survey and report provided by the Works Manager.

It was noted that 5/6 trees are dead and will need to be removed.

T. Lee suggested that the trees are replaced by mature trees and that these should help with the flooding in the area.

R. Gillett had stated that he is not looking for funding at the moment for drainage, and is currently looking at other solutions to resolve the drainage issues.

The Committee were advised in the report that the flooding has got worse since the new path was installed at Western Road Recreation Ground. The Committee further noted that the two high risk trees have now been made safe and the other trees in the report will be dealt with when the ground conditions improve, as they are not an immediate risk.

It was agreed to investigate clearing the culverts here, to help with the flooding in the area.

Members noted that 6 oak trees that had previously been removed in the area had not been replaced. It had originally been resolved to replace these trees so it was agreed this should be looked into.

It was agreed that B. Carpenter, P. Holbrook, A. Clarke and T. Lee will meet on site to look

at the ditches here. It was noted that soil had been stacked up by the score box and this will also be looked at.

Members asked for clarity on the reference to "T6" on the report, as this reference could not be found.

M. Laxton asked if the Council could investigate quotes from companies other than Hailsham Roadways.

86 **Maurice Thornton Skatepark**

K. Giddings advised that confirmation is being sought as to whether Section 106 funds can be used to pay for the cost of the proposed skatepark enhancements.

This item will be considered at a future meeting, once this has been established.

87 **Maurice Thornton Pavilion**

Members discussed the request from Hailsham United Football Club for £15,000 from CIL funding towards a disabled ramp that is being built at the Pavilion.

Members were in favour of the request and it was agreed to propose to Full Council in November to take the £15,000 from CIL funding

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**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to allocate £15,000 from CIL funding towards the work to the disabled ramp at Maurice Thornton Pavilion

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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