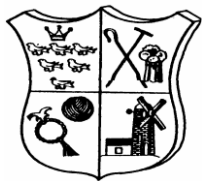


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Hailsham Civic and Community Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00 pm.

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## **Public Forum**

Mr Wennington of Hailsham Active CIC said that the application for the installation of a gate at the Maurice Thornton Playing Field had been lodged with East Sussex County Council.

The meeting with him, Mr Turner and representatives from the various sports clubs with Mr Lee had taken place. He requested that a similar meeting be held with the Finance and Governance Committee.

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: A. Blake-Coggins, C. Bryant, B. Carpenter, D. Chapman, P. Holbrook, M. Laxton (chaired the meeting) C. Mitchell, G. White.

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison (Town Clerk), T. Lee (Operations Manager) and D. Saxby.

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor A. Clarke.

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Carpenter, Holbrook and Laxton declared an interest as they are members of the Hailsham Memorial Institute Club.

Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he is a member of the Hailsham Memorial Institute Club and a Council representative on the Union Corner Hall Management Committee.

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## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Update**

Bonfire Society – Mr Lee had met with the Bonfire Society about Grovelands Barn.

Changing Places/Public Toilets – Mr Lee had met with Wealden District Council about the problems cleaning the toilets. Mr Lee was hopeful that they had now been resolved.

Hailsham Fire & Rescue Service – Following complaints about the Hailsham Fire & Rescue Service breaking the toilet locks, HFRS had said that they were entitled to because of public safety'

Western Road Recreation Ground – The provision of a beacon was on the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

Streetlighting – Balfour Beatty had been informed that they no longer had the contract for the provision and maintenance of streetlighting.

Skatepark – The remedial work on the skatepark would begin on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Country Park Lake – This was an item on the agenda.

**Infrastructure Funding**

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The Town Clerk reported a meeting he recently had with Councillor Kelvin Williams and Mr Dave Chennell of Wealden District Council. The Grants Officer had also be in attendance. Councillor Williams had hoped to be able to attend this meeting, but a prior commitment had prevented him.

In light of the upcoming devolution of councils, Wealden District Council were asking parishes and towns to come up with community schemes and projects that would attract funding.

Initial ideas included the Boxing Club, planting of adult trees and floodlighting on recreation pathways.

172.2

**RESOLVED** to put this item on the next Assets Management Committee and invite Councillor Williams to attend.

**Fleur de Lys**

173.1

Mr Lee said that work was progressing well. The Heritage Museum was complete and would be officially opening soon.

The new reception desk was in the process of being built and it was hoped that staff would be back in the building by the end of May.

In response to a question from Councillor Mitchell, Mr Lee said that the project had been delivered £30,000 under budget.

The Town Clerk wanted his thanks to Mr Lee to be recorded.

173.2 **RESOLVED** to note the verbal report on the works at the Fleur de Lys.

**HMI Roof**

174.1 Mr Lee reported that that the new roof had been completed but there was significant snagging work to be undertaken. He would be meeting with the works manager before signing it off.

The Town Clerk stated that the legal agreement with e HMI Club on the loan was in the pipeline.

174.2 **RESOLVED** to note the verbal report.

175 **Community Infrastructure Levy**

**RESOLVED** to note the reserves in CIL.

**Condition Report Survey**

176.1 An interim condition report had been sent with the agenda.

Mr Lee stated that work that could be undertaken in-house was to be scheduled

Councillor Mitchell thanked Mr Lee for all his work in preparing the interim report.

The work on the Youth Clun and Manse had been done and was included as was the work on the Inglenook.

Councillor Mitchell asked for a detailed breakdown of of the true costs of the cemetery toilets, including staff time.

Councillor Bryant wanted clarification of the YMCA lease on 1 Market Square, particularly who is responsible for the maintenance for the interior and exterior of the building. The Town Clerk said he would investigate.

176.2 **RESOLVED** to note the interim report.

**Cuckoo Trail Noticeboard**

177.1 The Town Clerk reported Hailsham Town Council had been asked if it wanted to take control of the new noticeboard on the Cuckoo Trail.

177.2 **RESOLVED** that Hailsham Town Council take over responsibility for the contents of the new noticeboard on the Cuckoo Trail, but not the maintenance and repair of it; before finalising agreement to ask the company what they mean by "management".

178 **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.

### **1 Market Square**

179.1 Mr Lee confirmed that the YMCA were not interested in the tenancy of 1 Market Square.

The Foodbank were willing to become the tenants.

179.2 **RESOLVED** to offer the lease of 1 Market Square to the Foodbank at the full market value

### **Cemetery**

180 Mr Saxby updated the meeting on an issue relating to the Cemetery.

Councillors Bryant and Carpenter thanked the Hailsham Town Council staff involved for all their work on this matter.

### **Country Park Lake**

181.1 Southdown and Hydneye Community Angling Club (SHCAC) had been informed of the resolution to offer them the management of the Hailsham Country Park lake and they had prepared a proposal for a 10-year agreement. They had also said that they wanted to retain the services of the current water bailiff.

Members were not willing to agree to a 10-year agreement, preferring instead to restrict it to five years.

182.2 **RESOLVED** to offer SHCAC a 5-year agreement for management of the Hailsham Country Park lake; and to use the words "reasonable endeavours" not "best endeavours" in the lease.

### **Union Corner Hall**

183.1 Councillor Mitchell said that this must be part of the Council's Financial Regulations.

183.2 **RESOLVED** to discuss Councillor Mitchell's paper and quotations on the agenda for the next Assets Management Committee to enable work to be carried out during the school holidays. Councillor Mitchell was to meet with Mr Lee to discuss what was needed.

### **Public Space Protection Order**

184.1 The Town Clerk reported that he had met with the Police Inspector about the possible implementation of a Public Space Protection Order in the town centre. A dossier of evidence needed to be built up to show that there were problems that a PSPO could resolve.

184.2 **RESOLVED** not to pursue a Public Space Protection Order for the town centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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