



# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Hailsham Town Council held at the Hailsham Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.00pm.

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01/127 **Present:** Councillors: A. Blake-Coggins, G. Blake-Coggins, K-M. Blundell, C. Bryant, D. Chapman, J. Crittenden, B. Holbrook, P. Holbrook, C. Mitchell, K. Nicholls and G. White.

128 **Officers in Attendance**

Mr J. Harrison (Town Clerk) and Mr D. Saxby.

129 Before moving to the business on the Agenda, the Chairman reported that the Town Crier, Mr Terry Tozer had passed away on Monday. The Chairman said Mr Tozer had been an excellent Town Crier for three years and would be sorely missed. The funeral was to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Members would be sent the details.

Those present stood for a minute's silence in memory of Mr Tozer.

130 **Public Question Time**

Mr S. Wennington of Hailsham Active expressed concern that decisions were being taken affecting sports facilities that were in his opinion were wrong. He suggested that the Council has a sports' committee.

He also said that Hailsham Active was a vehicle for obtaining grants and it was not being utilised.

A member of the public made the following points:

He wanted an update on the toilets in Vicarage Field.

He asked about the amount of illegal parking in the town.

He was still waiting for a response to his email about the Pride flag at the War Memorial.

He asked why there had been no publicity about a member of staff leaving the Town Council".

**Apologies for Absence**

131 Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Councillors A. Clarke, F. Clarke, Hayes, Laxton, Ricketts and Rusu.

132 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Nicholls declared an interest as she is a director of the Hailsham Community Land Trust. Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he the Chairman and director of the Hailsham Community Land Trust.

133 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Wealden Works**

134.1 The Chairman introduced County Councillor Bob Bowdler and Mrs Sue Steadman who were trustees of Wealden Works.

They updated the Council on the ongoing work of the programme and suggested attending a meeting of the Council's Finance Committee to talk about future support for the organisation.

134.2 **RESOLVED** to note the verbal report about Wealden Works and invite some of its representatives to a future meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee.

135 **Chairman's Update**

The Chairman reported the events and engagements he had attended since the last meeting of the Town Council

136 **East Sussex County Council Update**

No County Councillors were present, and no written report had been provided.

**Committee Recommendations to Council**

**Assets Management Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Cemetery Toilets**

137.1 The Assets Management Committee had resolved to recommend to Council that up to £35,000 from CIL funding to refurbish the existing toilets in the cemetery.

137.2 **RESOLVED** to allocate up to £35,000 from CIL receipts to refurbish the existing toilets in the cemetery.

**Assets Management Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Street Lighting**

138.1 The Assets Management Committee had resolved to recommend to Council that up to £40,000 from CIL funding for the repairs of streetlights.

138.2 **RESOLVED** that up to £40,000 be taken from CIL receipts to fund the repair of Hailsham Town Council owned streetlights.

**Standing Orders**

139.1 Members were asked to consider an amendment to the Council's Standing Order Number 20 paragraph C to reflect that the limit for public contracts had risen and was now in excess of £30,000.

139.2 **RESOLVED** to amend Standing Orders and remove the reference to S.O. 19 (F); and that they stand adjourned until the next meeting of Hailsham Town Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

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CHAIRMAN