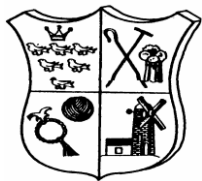


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the James West Centre, Brunel Drive, Hailsham on Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 7.00 pm.

AMC/24/3/21 **Public Forum**

R. Wilkinson and H. Chapman from the Cricket Club were present.

P. Hobden, the Pond Warden, was also present.

Mr Williams spoke regarding the agenda item for the bus shelter at Winton, Amberstone. He advised the current bus shelter is in his boundary of land and requested the bus shelter is removed. He advised he would not object to a bus stop to be attached to his wall.

22 **Committee members present**

Councillors: A Blake Coggins, A. Clarke (Chair), C. Bryant, D. Chapman, P. Holbrook, C. Mitchell, G. White

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison, K. Giddings

23 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor M. Laxton

24 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

25 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 may be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26 **Update**

- K. Giddings reported that the signs to be placed at the Common Pond asking the public not to feed the wildfowl are being organised and will go up shortly
- Members noted that the funding for the Cemetery toilets has been agreed
- Members noted a meeting with the local Sports Clubs has been arranged for 12th August at the Maurice Thornton Pavilion
- Members were advised that the new employee to undertake grave digging starts on 1st August
- £40,00 has been allocated from CIL funding for street lighting

27 **CIL**

Members noted the report on the reserves and CIL funding.

28 **Cricket Club Signage**

The Committee discussed the signage placed on the Cricket Club Pavilion

R. Wilkson reported he had an agreement in place with the previous Deputy Town Clerk who had stated that signs were allowed, providing they were no more than 3 colours and not on the front of the Pavilion. He further reported that those businesses that advertise in partnership with the Club have gained business from the signs.

Members asked for the rules to be checked on signage and whether the signs on the Cricket Pavilion are breaching any planning rules. It was agreed to place this item back on the agenda for the next Assets Committee meeting in August.

29 **Changing Places**

The Committee noted the trial trenches have been dug and work will commence the following week.

J. Harrison reported he has not heard back from Southern Water.

Members agreed to delegate the work to the Town Clerk, to agree emergency spending if required.

30 **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.

31 **Bus Shelter**

Members noted the resident's request and agreed that the bus shelter must be removed as it is on his land. A bus stop sign will be put in its place.

31.1 **RESOLVED** to remove the bus shelter placed adjacent Winton, Amberstone

32 **1 Market Square**

J, Harrison advised he has still not had a response from the YMCA in relation to the Lease.

The Committee discussed the future use of the building, now that the Youth Service has moved to the Free Church in South Road.

The Committee discussed various options that could be considered for the building, such as a Community Café, Mayor's Surgery or a place to hold markets.

It was agreed that a business plan will need to be considered. J. Harrison advised that the costs for 1 Market Square are still coming from the Youth Services budget.

32.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Finance Committee to consider another area of funding for the 1 Market Square budget, other than the Youth Services budget

33 **Common Pond Pathway**

R. Gillett updated the Committee on his investigations into cleaning the pathway of goose waste. He reported he had found two types of machines to carry out the work. He stated that the machines needed to undertake this work both require water to work, and will therefore not be suitable to use, due to the dirty water draining back into the pond.

Members noted that both machines cannot be used without water, due to the goose excrement clogging up the brushes.

A. Clarke reported she would speak to someone in relation to the ponds at Hampden Park, to try and find a solution to cleaning the waste from the pathway.

It was agreed to monitor the situation once the signs asking the public not to feed the geese have been put up, to see if this helps the situation.

34 **Town Council Offices**

R. Gillett advised that the electrical upgrade work has been put on hold until the new Operations Manager is in post, as the new Operations Manager will be tasked with organising contractors for the work and requesting the planning consent from Wealden District Council.

35 **Street Lights**

J. Harrison advised he had contacted other Councils to see who they use for street lighting.

Members agreed for the Town Clerk to pursue conversations with other street lighting contractors.

It was agreed that if the Council move from ESCC to undertake this work, it will need to go to tender and possibly put on the gateway.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm