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HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

REPORT (Minutes)
of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee,
held in Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices, Market Street, Hailsham
on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

NP/25/08/29 **Public Forum**

None were present

30 **Present:** Councillors C. Bryant, D. Chapman, M. Laxton (Chair), C Mitchell

31 **Officers Present:** J. Harrison (Town Clerk), K. Giddings (Corporate Services Manager)

32 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Councillor K. Blundell

Proposer – C. Bryant, seconder – M. Laxton

All in favour

33 **Declarations of Interest**

None were presented.

34 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on 6th August 2026 be confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposer C. Bryant seconder M. Laxton

35 **Update for Neighbourhood Plan**

The Committee noted that the Examiner for the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan had been appointed. The Examiner may want to meet with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

J. Herbert advised he will download and review the modifications.

36 **Public Art Update**

It was noted that the proposed funding had been agreed at Full Council for the public art project.

K. Giddings will arrange a teams meeting with C. Bending at Wealden Council, to discuss

the project further.

37 **Confidential Business**

Resolved that the next agenda items are conducted under confidential business as they concern: engagement, terms of service and the beginning of legal proceedings - in accordance with the Council's Standing Order No 1E.

Proposer C. Mitchell, Seconder D. Chapman

All members voted in favour

38 **Quotation**

Members discussed the quotation of £5,987.50, received from Troy Planning, to formulate a response to the Regulation 19 Consultation on the Wealden Local Plan, on behalf of the Town Council.

It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will work with Jon Herbert on the response to the Plan.

It was agreed to hold an open meeting at the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting on 22nd October, inviting all Town Councillors to attend the meeting to comment and contribute to the draft response to the Regulation 19 Consultation.

38.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to :

i) Accept the quotation from Troy Planning to produce a draft response to the Regulation 19 Consultation on the Wealden Council Local Plan and to allocate £5,987.50 from reserves for this response

ii) The Neighbourhood Plan Committee to have authority to sign off the response to the Regulation 19 Consultation on the Wealden Local Plan

Proposer M. Laxton, seconder D Chapman

All voted in favour

39 **Finance Statement**

Members noted the finance report

40 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 7.00 pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.23 pm

Signed
Chair of Committee