

# HAILSHAM FORWARD CIC

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 4 OCTOBER 2019 AT  
HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET, HAILSHAM

**Attendees:**

Nikita Clarke-Cox- Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: NCC  
 Cllr Chris Jackets - Hellingly Parish Council: CJ  
 Peter Willson – Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: PW  
 Ben Pratt – Hailsham Farmers’ Market: BP  
 Mickey Caira – Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: MC  
 Paul Gibson – Hailsham News & Talk: PG  
 Steve Wennington – Hailsham Active: SW  
 Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou – Wealden District Council: CT

**Action:**

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| 10/19/1   | <b><u>Apologies:</u></b>   |  |
| 10/19/1.1 | Mark Hallett - Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: MH<br>Cllr Nigel Coltman – Hailsham Town Council: NSC<br>Cllr Gavin Blake-Coggins – Hailsham Town Council: GBC<br>Neil Povey – Hailsham FM: NP<br>Phil Matthews – Representing Young People: PM<br>Cllr Nick Collinson – Director: NAC<br>Jan Townsend – Community Representative: JT<br>Clive Soper – Federation of Small Businesses: CS |  |
| 10/19/2   | <b><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019:</u></b>  |  |
| 10/19/2.1 | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.  |  |
| 10/19/3   | <b><u>Matters Arising from these minutes</u></b>   |  |
| 10/19/3.1 | <u>9/19/4.1 Wealden Local Plan- Health &amp; Wellbeing</u> MC confirmed that the meeting took place on 27/9/19, details of the meeting are noted in item 4 below   |  |
| 10/19/3.2 | <u>9/19/5.2 Market Awareness – Market Stall of the Year Awards</u> BP stated that the only benefit of winning the award was some publicity. Previous winners have come from London and the north. He stated that Uckfield and Healthfield Farmers’ Markets have won local awards in the past and   |  |

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| 10/19/3.3 | will look at this in respect of Hailsham Farmers' Market.<br><u>9/19/5.4 Market Awareness – Questionnaire.</u><br>NCC confirmed that a questionnaire has been sent out asking several questions, the limited responses to date have suggested that Saturday is the busiest day.  |  |
| 10/19/3.4 | <u>9/19/5.8 Market Awareness- Welcome Packs MC</u><br>Confirmed that the Town Council no longer sends out welcome packs as it has become more difficult to obtain the information to identify new residents. He also questioned if the electoral register can be used for this purpose now that GDPR has come in. It was agreed to investigate the potential to get welcome packs to new residents via the developers. | MC/NCC to investigate this potential.  |
| 10/19/3.5 | <u>9/19/6.3 New Projects VE Day Event entertainment.</u> GBC was not at the meeting to report back   | GBC to report back at the next meeting |
| 10/19/3.6 | <u>9/19/8.6 NHS Land/Buildings for sale at Hellingly</u><br>MC confirmed that the information provided by CJ was circulated on 16/9/19   |  |
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| 10/19/4   | <b><u>Wealden Local Plan – Health &amp; Wellbeing</u></b>  |  |
| 10/19/4.1 | SW highlighted the fact that WDC did not agree to anything at the meeting to support the plans to provide leisure facilities in and around Hailsham. It was agreed that once the action points are sent to WDC they will be asked to formally agree to support the plans.  |  |
| 10/19/4.2 | SW met with Strategic Leisure, who have been appointed by WDC to review leisure facilities in the district. SW stated that they highlighted projects in Uckfield and Crowborough but none in Hailsham and considered that this will not produce any commitment from WDC to provide much needed leisure facilities in Hailsham.   |  |
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| 10/19/5   | <b><u>Hailsham Farmers' Market and Street Market Awareness</u></b>   |  |
| 10/19/5.1 | BP highlighted the fact that "Find a market near me" site did not list anything for the Wealden area. He confirmed that he will raise this at the next Wealden Markets Meeting.  | BP to raise this at the next meeting   |

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|           | BP stated that he was disappointed that the Farmers' Market was not involved in the recent Hailsham Festival. PW stated that he would raise this with the Festival organisers for the 2020 Festival.  | PW to discuss the involvement of the Farmers' Market in the 2020 Festival |
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| 10/19/6   | <b><u>New Projects – VE Day Event for 2020</u></b>  |   |
| 10/19/6.1 | PG updated the meeting on his work on the event for 2020. He confirmed that both the recreation ground and Cattle Market sites were not suitable and was now looking at the Leisure Centre Car Park and Hailsham Community College grounds to host the event.   |   |
| 10/19/6.2 | He has named the event Hailsham Live and will seek support from the Council's Communities Committee, in terms of funding, use of Council infrastructure and staffing resources. This will be discussed at a meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> October and will look to set up a steering committee to take it forward.   |   |
| 10/19/6.3 | The event will have a 60 to 90 minute slot of entertainment appropriate to the VE Day theme. Local groups such as the ATC and British Legion will be contacted. It will also be open to the whole community to take part with local entertainment as well as professional entertainment later in the day. A decision will need to be made on whether to charge for the professional entertainment. The event will need to be ticketed even if it is free entry to ensure visitors numbers are controlled. |   |
| 10/19/6.4 | MC thanked PG for the work he has put into the event to date.   |   |
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| 10/19/7   | <b><u>Hailsham Forward – Hailsham Town Council Relationship</u></b>   |   |
| 10/19/7.1 | MC reported that the Chamber have confirmed that they are working to expand the Chamber into Polegate and local industrial estates, this will take some time and funding. The ambition is to grow the membership to 500 to 600 and become a real force for businesses in the local area.  |   |
| 10/19/7.2 | The Chamber will be inviting town councillors to a Chamber breakfast in December, this will give  |   |

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|           | the councillors an opportunity to see first-hand the strong relationship that has grown out of the Hailsham Forward partnership.  |   |
| 10/19/8   | <b><u>Any Other Business:</u></b>   |   |
| 10/19/8.1 | PW highlighted the plans for a large community event for Hailsham in 2020 “String the Musical” this was being developed by Tony Biggin from Hailsham Festival. PW proposed that Hailsham Festival should be invited to be part of Hailsham Forward, this was agreed, and MC will invite Tony Biggin to future meetings. | MC to invite Tony Biggin to future HF Meetings. |
| 10/19/8.2 | CT highlighted the poor state of several shop fronts in the town centre, he requested that a letter is sent to all businesses requesting that they undertake remedial works as appropriate. MC/NCC will organise a letter to be sent out.   | MC/NCC will organise a letter to be sent out    |
| 10/19/8.3 | SW highlighted the site meetings taking place today that are progressing projects to establish leisure facilities in the town and stated this was an example of what can be achieved by working together.   |   |
| 10/19/8.4 | PW asked how the Post Office was going. MC reported that business was okay but it was too early to determine if the Post Office had brought back all its previous customers.  |   |
| 10/19/9   | <b><u>Date of Next Meetings:</u></b>  |   |
| 10/19/9.1 | Future Dates for 2019:<br>8 <sup>th</sup> November<br>6 <sup>th</sup> December  |   |