

HAILSHAM FORWARD CIC

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 5 JULY 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
 Mickey Caira – Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: MC
 Ben Pratt – Hailsham Farmers’ Market: BP
 Paul Gibson – Hailsham News & Talk: PG
 Steve Wennington – Hailsham Active: SW
 Cllr Nigel Coltman – Hailsham Town Council: NSC
 Jan Townsend – Community Representative: JT
 Clive Soper – Federation of Small Businesses: CS

Action:

7/19/1	<u>Apologies:</u>	
7/19/1.1	Cllr Gavin Blake-Coggins – Hailsham Town Council: GBC Peter Willson – Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: PW Neil Povey – Hailsham FM: NP Phil Matthews – Representing Young People: PM Cllr Nick Collinson – Director: NAC Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou – Wealden District Council: CT	
7/19/2	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2019:</u>	
7/19/2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
7/19/3	<u>Matters Arising from these minutes</u>	
7/19/3.1	<u>Minute: 6/19/5.3 – Surplus NHS Facility in Hellingly.</u> MC confirmed that with assistance from CJ a letter has been sent to the NHS supporting the proposal for a surplus site to be gifted or sold at a reduced price to Hailsham Active. <u>Minute: 6/19/7.5 – Promotion of Shop Local.</u> MC confirmed that he has spoken to Terry, who has advised that it is difficult to get the local press to promote a commercial venture as they may lose advertising revenue. Therefore, all other opportunities to promote the scheme will be taken as	

	and when available.	
7/19/4	<u>Wealden Local Plan – Health & Wellbeing</u>	
7/19/4.1	MC has agreed with Cllr Newton that a meeting can take place in August or September. MC is waiting for dates from Cllrs, Blake-Coggins, Coltman and White before a date can be confirmed.	
7/19/4.2	MC reported that Hailsham Town Council is still waiting for WDC to draw up the legal agreement to hand over the section 106 monies for the path and exercise area in the rec.	
7/19/5	<u>Town Centre Regeneration:</u>	
7/19/5.1	MC asked for a response from WDC to the consultation they will be undertaking soon.	
7/19/5.2	The following points were made: Parking – there is no increase in the parking provision, how will the extra visitors that should be attracted into Hailsham Town Centre be accommodated. What is WDC doing to encourage people out of their cars? Can park and ride and/or out of town train service be considered.	
7/19/5.3	Housing – This is required to make the scheme work financially, whilst some new residents may not use cars many will and how will these new traffic movements be accommodated in an already gridlocked town centre. A lot of traffic is forced through the town centre now and with a potential 97% increase in the local housing numbers, will the road infrastructure be improved?	
7/19/5.4	Overall Vision- WDC should look at the work of Bill Grimsey, a town centre expert to create an overall vision for the town centre that works.	
7/19/5.5	Retail- Need to look at alternatives to retail as well as understand the recent survey carried out by the FSB; that highlights the fact that many small retailers have flourished while other larger retailers such as Debenhams have failed in town centres.	
7/19/5.6	Pedestrianisation of the High Street – In continental Europe the pedestrianisation of the High Street has re-invented the High Street. This is something that should be considered with the overall scheme.	

7/19/5.7	Housing Developments in the local area- Need to endure WDC is a strong leader to enable the necessary infrastructure to be provided by the developers for transport, schools, recreation etc.	
7/19/6	<u>New Projects</u>	
7/19/6.1	New event for Hailsham in 2020. PG highlighted the fact that the first May bank holiday in 2020 has been moved to Friday 8 th May to mark the 75 th VE Day celebrations. He suggested that several the town's organisations may plan events on the day in isolation to each other. He proposed that the town should organise one celebration event on the Friday and maybe the Saturday as well.	
7/19/6.2	He asked if this was something that Hailsham Forward and or the Council would support. MC confirmed that he will discuss this with the Council's Communities Committee to see if they will support this proposal and help organise an event. PG will provide MC with a brief outline of the proposal that will taken to the next Communities Committee in August.	
7/19/7	<u>Any Other Business:</u>	
7/19/7.1	CS questioned what was happening with the Diplocks. Originally there were plans to try and bring the estate within a new business association and more recently part of the Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed that it was important to continue to work towards this objective.	
7/19/7.2	It was also recognised that it will be difficult to engage and then pursue many of the businesses to join the chamber. There is a need to emphasise the advantages of a strong local chamber in lobbying for improvements to the estate.	
7/19/7.3	SW highlighted the Burgess Hill Partnership that has been able to establish a strong business association.	
7/19/7.4	CJ highlighted the very strong chamber in Johannesburg which has many members and demonstrates the need to have a strong selling point to encourage businesses to want to join.	

7/19/7.5	CS also questioned why the mobile catering van can trade in Diplocks Way by ESCC, not paying any rent or business rates and in direct competition of other catering outlets that are formally part of the estate.	
7/19/7.6	SW highlighted an on-going issue with the sports use of the recreation ground. He started that a meeting between the clubs and the Council needs to take place to help sort out the issues around shared use.	
7/19/8	<u>Date of Next Meetings:</u>	
7/19/8.1	Future Dates for 2019: 9 th August 6 th September 4 th October 8 th November 6 th December	