

HAILSHAM FORWARD CIC

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 7 FEBRUARY 2020 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
 Mark Hallett - Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: MH
 Mickey Caira – Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: MC
 Cllr Nigel Coltman – Hailsham Town Council: NSC
 Peter Willson – Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: PW
 Ben Pratt – Hailsham Farmers’ Market: BP
 Cllr Gavin Blake-Coggins – Hailsham Town Council: GBC

Action:

2/20/1	<u>Apologies:</u>	
2/20/1.1	Neil Povey – Hailsham FM: NP Phil Matthews – Representing Young People: PM Paul Gibson – Hailsham News & Talk: PG Jan Townsend – Community Representative: JT Tony Biggin – Hailsham Festival: TB Pam Robinson – Hailsham Festival: PR Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou – Wealden District Council: CT Steve Wennington – Hailsham Active: SW Clive Soper – Federation of Small Businesses: CS	
2/20/2	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2020:</u>	
2/20/2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting with one amendment ref: 1/207.1 PB should read BP.	
2/20/3	<u>Matters Arising from these minutes</u>	
2/20/3.1	<u>Minute: 1/20/3.1 New residents’ letters</u> MC confirmed that the electoral register cannot be used to contact new residents. It was agreed that the contact should be made through estate agents and the developers of new estates. The letters should include details of markets and events etc. The letters should also come from both Hailsham and Hellingly councils. MC & NCC to follow this up.	MC & NCC to draft out a letter and contact estate agents and developers.

2/20/3.3	<u>Minute: 1/20/6.3 Shop Fronts</u> : MC confirmed that previous letters have been sent to the Chamber.	
2/20/4	<u>Hailsham Live Event 2020</u>	
2/20/4.1	MC reported that Paul Gibson has made significant progress in the organisation of the event on Friday 8 th May. Several local sponsors have been secured and many local organisations including schools and community groups will be taking part. There will be a parade of local air and army cadets together with veterans, to open the event, followed by live music from the community during the day and professional bands during the evening. The event is free but will be ticketed to control numbers, the first 1,000 tickets issued have been taken up. A further 1,000 tickets will be made available soon and a total of 3,000 tickets will be made available for the event. All tickets can be secured through the website hailsham. live .	
2/20/5	<u>Shop Fronts</u>	
2/20/5.1	PW confirmed that he has the letters sent by MC and the Chamber will be contacting town centre businesses about joining the Chamber and encouraging them to keep their shop frontages in good order. A current example of this is the Coen Exchange where the building is being repainted.	
2/20/6	<u>Health & Wellbeing Update</u>	
2/20/6.1	MC reported that Hailsham Town Council has recently agreed to the specification and funding of the new path around the recreation ground. This will need to be formally tendered and it is hoped that it will be completed by the autumn. This project will not include an all-weather exercise area or lighting at this stage as the funds are currently not available.	
2/20/7	<u>Hailsham Aspires Update</u>	
2/20/7.1	MC stated that with the rejection of the Wealden Local Plan by the planning inspector it gave the Aspires project the freedom to change the amount of residential development for the town centre area. As the project has not yet formulated an outline design the amount of proposed housing is unknown.	

2/20/7.2	GBC stated that there should be provision for a large-scale store such as BM Retail that is being opened in the extended Langney Shopping Centre.	
2/20/7.3	The meeting speculated on the future of the Waitrose store and the potential for one of the discount supermarkets such as Aldi being provided space within the proposed development.	
2/20/8	<u>Any Other Business:</u>	
2/20/8.1	MC confirmed that Nick Collinson has resigned as a director and Companies House has been notified.	
2/20/8.2	PW stated that this will be his last meeting as Chair of the Chamber, as he is involved in other organisations that are part of Hailsham Forward he is likely to continue to have an input into the partnership.	
2/20/8.3	CJ thanked PW for his work for the Chamber and Hailsham Forward.	
2/20/8.4	BP stated that the Farmers' Market were still struggling to get people to put the stall up on a Saturday morning, he asked for help to recruit people, this is just of the set-up as the young farmers are usually available to do the take down later in the day. PW stated that he may be able to assist. MC suggested he speaks to Julie Coates who runs the volunteer hub to see if anyone on her list may be interested.	
2/20/9	<u>Meeting Dates 2020</u>	
2/20/9.1	6 March 3 April 1 May 5 June 3 July 7 August 11 September 9 October 6 November 4 December	