

# HAILSHAM FORWARD CIC

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 8 MARCH 2019 AT  
HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET, HAILSHAM

**Attendees:**

Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou – Hailsham Town Council: CT  
 Christian Letschka - Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: CL  
 Cllr Chris Jackets - Hellingly Parish Council: CJ  
 Jan Townsend – Community Representative: JT  
 Mickey Caira – Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: MC  
 Ben Pratt – Hailsham Farmers’ Market: BP  
 Peter Willson – Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: PW  
 Cllr Gavin Blake-Coggins – Hailsham Town Council: GBC  
 Steve Wennington – Hailsham Active: SW  
 Cllr Nigel Coltman – Co-opted Member: NSC

**Action:**

3/19/1	<b><u>Apologies:</u></b>	
3/19/1.1	Clive Soper – Federation of Small Businesses: CS Neil Povey – Hailsham FM: NP Phil Matthews – Representing Young People: PM Cllr Nick Collinson – Wealden District Council NAC Paul Gibson – Hailsham News & Talk: PG	
3/19/2	<b><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019:</u></b>	
3/19/2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3/19/3	<b><u>Matters Arising from these minutes</u></b>	
3/19/3.1	<u>Minute: 2/19/3.1 Pop-Up Shop:</u> PW to invite the new tenant of the former Pop-Up Shop to a future meeting.	PW to arrange for the new lessee to attend a future meeting.
3/19/3.2	<u>Minute: 2/19/5.5. Vicarage Field Development Consultation:</u> MC confirmed that he will request a formal opportunity to provide feedback on the plans to redevelop Vicarage Field	
	<u>Minute: 2/19/5.6. MASHH Update.</u> MC highlighted the lack of progress on the schemes previously identified for Hailsham. He confirmed that Hailsham Town Council has	

	formally approached ESCC try and get the schemes progressed quicker. CT asked about the proposed Ersham Road/Diplocks Way/South Road roundabout. NSC commented that this seems to have dropped out of the plans and was unsure how it may be financed as this needs a contribution from a housing development scheme off Ersham Road. There is uncertainty as to the status of the planning application for this development and therefore whether it will attract Section 106 contributions or will fall under the CIL scheme.	
3/19/4	<b><u>Hailsham Farmers' Market</u></b>	
3/19/4.1	BP confirmed that there was further update since he last updated the meeting in January. The market had lost three regular traders after the December market. He stated that he has received some enquires from prospective new craft traders, but not any food producers.	
3/19/4.2	BP confirmed that the Farmers' Market and the Council will be working together on the Christmas market event in 2019. There will be markets on both the Cattle Market Site and Vicarage Field with just one Father Christmas and the possibility of elves promoting the markets throughout the town.	
3/19/4.3	BP highlighted the work WDC was doing to help promote the market through the market managers meeting. BP was pleased with the response from the other Farmers' Markets who were also promoting the Hailsham market to their respective traders.	
3/19/5	<b><u>Vicarage Field Development:</u></b>	
3/19/5.1	MC confirmed that the plans issued by WDC were a concept only and much more work would be needed to produce detailed plans for consultation.	
3/19/5.2	PW confirmed that Kelvin Williams had updated the Chamber recently and will attend the Chamber AGM.	
3/19/5.3	The meeting was concerned over the amount of parking that was allocated as part of the initial plans. The whole town needs to feed into	

	the consultation process.	
3/19/6	<b>New Projects</b>	
3/19/6.1	MC updated the meeting in the absence of PW. He stated that the website was now live and businesses had been invited to claim their business and take out a package via a leaflet drop that took place in the last 10 days.	
3/19/6.2	GBC stated that businesses need to speculate in order to accumulate and this was an opportunity for local businesses to promote themselves to the many thousands of subscribers to Hailsham News.	
3/19/6.3	BP confirmed that the Farmers' Market were considering taking out a package to help promote the market.	
3/19/7	<b>Any Other Business:</b>	
3/19/7.1	SW provided an update on several projects. There is a Big Lottery bid being put forward to try and establish community hubs in Hailsham, this is being co-ordinated via the Food Bank. Hailsham is a deprived area and some residents struggle to access services. The plan is to have several local hubs in Hailsham where support can be accessed; this could include CAB, Food Bank and some exercise provision. The Community Forum, CAB,3VA and Hailsham Active are working together on the bid.	
3/19/7.2	Hailsham Town Football Club have recently started a mini football section; to date 56 young people have signed up. Only three of these have come from Hailsham United Junior Football Club and therefore there are over 50 more young people now involved on local junior football.	
3/19/7.3	The Football Association have identified Hailsham as a town which would be eligible for funding; to improve pitches and changing facilities. There is no guarantee of funding but at least Hailsham is eligible.	
3/19/7.4	There is a real lack of facilities for adult football	

	<p>in Hailsham, with only one senior pitch (Hailsham Town), which is used to its capacity. There are no facilities to meet the demand for a Man v Fat league. It is critical that the WDC Local Plan makes provision for these facilities, in a new sports park. The original plan did make this provision, however, in the current plan the sports park has been removed. As part of a current planning application for 700 homes in Hellingly, the planners have agreed to remove the need to provide recreational space in exchange for a financial contribution towards a new sports park. As the provision for a sports park has been removed by WDC in the revised Local Plan how will this provide the much-needed recreational space? SW is currently trying to set up a meeting with Cllr Standley and Nus Ghani to discuss this issue.</p>	
3/19/7.5	<p>SW highlighted the fact that developers are prepared to put money into a sports park if WDC require this. He has also been able to get Bede's School to agree to a partnership to help deliver the facility, but this has been put down because the sports park is no longer in the plan.</p>	
3/19/7.6	<p>SW highlighted the real disparity between the north of Wealden where the provision of facilities is good and the south where the facilities are poor. Over the whole district the facilities may appear to be adequate but not for Hailsham and the surrounding area.</p>	
3/19/7.7	<p>To put the sports park back on the agenda a suitable site would need to be secured, which is difficult when the price for land is higher for residential development. Broad Farm in Hellingly is a possible site.</p>	
3/19/7.8	<p>NSC stated that as the duration of the current WDC Local Plan has been reduced to 2028 it may be that WDC will look at the sports park as part of the development of a future local plan.</p>	
3/19/7.9	<p>CT proposed that Hailsham Forward should try and do something about the lack of provision. It was agreed that the next meeting would be a single item agenda to discuss this issue. This</p>	<p>MC to put this on the next agenda.</p>

	will be followed by a request to meet the appropriate planning officer at WDC to discuss the issue. At the last Stakeholders meeting it was agreed to request a meeting with WDC planners on this issue, this was put forward by Cllr Galley. SW agreed to provide information for the next meeting.	SW to provide information for the next meeting.
3/19/7.10	PW provided an update on the Chamber. He confirmed that membership had gone from 56 to over 100 members, since he took over as chairman. He stated that the Chamber are looking to increase membership further with a drive in the Diplocks estate and into Polegate where there is currently no chamber.	
3/19/7.11	He stated that most of the current members are from the service sector with very few from the High Street. It is a good time to increase the membership and the strength of the town rests with the strength of its businesses. He emphasised the importance of networking for its membership and commented that with the increase in the size of the membership, Chapter 12 may no longer be big enough to host the meetings.	
3/19/7.12	PW highlighted the on-going Alliance of Chambers in East Sussex (ACES) work in lobbying for the whole of East Sussex.	
3/19/7.13	NSC updated the meeting on the post Office. He confirmed that the Council has been awarded a contract and is currently working to secure 10 High Street, once this is complete have the shop fitted-out and at the same time transfer the staff. It is hoped that the Post Office will be open soon.	
3/19/8	<b><u>Date of Next Meetings:</u></b>	
3/19/8.1	Future Dates for 2019: 5 <sup>th</sup> April 10 <sup>th</sup> May 7 <sup>th</sup> June 5 <sup>th</sup> July 9 <sup>th</sup> August 6 <sup>th</sup> September 4 <sup>th</sup> October 8 <sup>th</sup> November 6 <sup>th</sup> December	

