

HAILSHAM FORWARD

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 11 AUGUST 2017 AT
HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET, HAILSHAM

Attendees: Cllr Nigel Coltman – Co-opted Member: NSC
Cllr Gavin Blake-Coggins – Hailsham Town Council: GBC
Jan Townsend – Community Representative: JT
Mickey Caira – Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: MC
Christian Letschka - Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: CL
Steve Wennington – Hailsham Active: SW
Trina Mayson – Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: TM
Clive Soper – Federation of Small businesses: CS
Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou – Hailsham Town Council: CT

Action:

8/17/1	Apologies:	
8/17/1.1	Cllr Nick Collinson – Wealden District Council: NAC Cllr Barby Dashwood-Morris -Hellingly Parish Council Steve Parmar-Greaves – Local Business Representative: SPG Phil Matthews – Representing Young People: PM	
8/17/2	Minutes of Meeting Held on 30th June 2017	
8/17/2.1	These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
8/17/3	Matters Arising:	
8/17/3.1	<u>Minute 7/17/3.1 Diplocks Estate Potential Parking Area Pumping Station.</u> MC confirmed that this is on-going. SW commented that the Hailsham Hockey Club has expressed some interest in the same area of land to use as a base. They may lose their current facilities in the future and are looking for an alternative site.	
8/17/3.2	<u>Minute 7/17/8.2.Hailsham Card</u> MC confirmed that this took place	

8/17/4	<u>Hailsham Industrial Parks</u>	
8/17/4.1	MC reported that Sarah King is still trying to get a meeting with the Burgess Hill Association. This will be for dates post 15 th September. TM questioned whether we needed to wait to meet, to progress work on the industrial sites in Hailsham. It was agreed that if a meeting is not secured by the end of September then the Team will progress with the plan to work on the parking and other issues with the Diplocks estate.	
8/17/4.2	It was acknowledged that the pending major disruption from the water main works in Diplocks Way would act as a catalyst to get the businesses involved in looking at issues and solutions that affect their respective businesses including parking.	
8/17/4.3	The issue of the catering wagon parked in Diplocks way was highlighted. MC agreed to talk to ESCC Highways Enforcement about this.	MC to talk to Robin Hayward at ESCC.
8/17/5	<u>Hailsham Street Market:</u>	
8/17/5.1	MC reported that trader's numbers were still low. TM question what the focus was for the Street Market. MC stated that during the public consultation in 2013 a new town centre market was highlighted as something the residents wanted. The overall aim of the Market is to attract more people to the town centre. Questions were raised on the negative impact on town centre businesses of the market. It was agreed that the Team will review the Market in the autumn.	
8/17/5.2	NSC highlighted the success of the Celebrate Hailsham Day and this should be built on.	
8/17/6	<u>Legal Status Update:</u>	
8/17/6.1	There is no further update now. MC reminded the Team that the updated Memorandum of Association will be presented to the Stakeholder meeting in October for a decision.	
8/17/7	<u>Keep Trade Local:</u>	
8/17/7.1	It was noted that independent shops are the key to keeping Hailsham vibrant and it was agreed to consider this in a wider review with	

	the Market and the Hailsham Card in the autumn.	
8/17/8	<u>Hailsham Card:</u>	
8/17/8.1	MC reported that there has been an increase in the number of local businesses joining the scheme.	
8/17/8.2	GBC asked if there are details on the number of card purchases .MC stated that this information is not available as card purchases are not registered.	
8/17/9	<u>Sports & Youth Facilities:</u>	
8/17/9.1	SW highlighted the success of the Hailsham Fun Day. He stated that it was a good event for Hailsham and thanked NSC for the support from him and Hailsham Town Council. Several local sports clubs have benefitted from the day with new members/players coming forward because of the event.	
8/17/9.2	The event for 2018 is being discussed with Hailsham Lions and there appears to be enough support from the people who took part to hold another event in 2018. One new feature that is being considered is the Hailsham Fun Run that could be held as part of the event.	
8/17/9.3	SW stated the he and MC are working on a bid the Fields In Trust for an initial grant of £5,000 for sporting activities on Western Road Rec, with a potential for a follow-up grant of £25,000 that could be used towards creating a cycle/running/walking path in the Rec.	
8/17/9.4	SW highlighted that there may be funding available for sports and activities via Wealden District Council Section 106 funds, that have been paid by various developers towards these facilities. These will need to be investigated further to see if any can be used to support sports in Hailsham. SW also highlighted £13k of funding from the 106 monies that has been secured via Hellingly Parish Council to support Hellingly Rugby Club's pitch drainage works.	
8/17/9.5	SW provided outline details of a potential longer-term funding source. Developers are	

	looking to install banks of batteries, the size of a tennis court within ½ mile of appropriate sub-stations. These will provide back-up power to the National Grid. There is potential to earn £25,000 per year rent over a 25-year period for use of land to locate the batteries. This is being investigated for Horsebridge and could be installed in Hailsham in the open space owned by Hailsham Town Council, adjacent to Factory Lane.	
8/17/10	Shop Signage:	
	MC advised the Team that this was put on the agenda by the last Stakeholder Meeting for the Team to consider. It was agreed that this can be considered as part of an overall review of the town centre.	
8/17/11	Any Other Business:	
8/17/11.1	TM and CS updated the Team on the Pop-Up-Shop. It has been well used by several different business and organisations and is now fully booked for the remainder of the year apart from one week. The ambition is to renew the agreement in the new-year if there are funds to support this. The businesses that have used the Shop have made money.	
8/17/11.2	CS highlighted the balloon competition that is running in the Shop with a prize of High Street shop vouchers to the person who guesses the correct number of balloons in the shop window.	
8/17/11.3	CL requested list of tenants to publicise through the Hailsham Forward Facebook pages. TM confirmed that a list will be sent through to CL.	TM to arrange for a list of the tenants to be sent to CL.
8/17/11.4	NSC provided details of the proposal by Hailsham Parish Church to open-up the churchyard as part of the “redevelopment” of St Mary’s Church. This includes the opening of the Victoria Gates from the High Street, the creation of the main entrance under the tower and the relocation of some of the memorials. Part of the aim is to create a public green space in the town centre.	
7/17/12	Date of Next Meeting:	
7/17/12.1	15th September 9.00am Town Council Offices.	

	(Note MC will be away Michelle will cover for MC)	
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