

Hailsham In Bloom Sub-Committee

Report (Minutes) of the Hailsham in Bloom Sub-Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Inglenook, Market Street, Hailsham, on Wednesday 30th March 2011 at 19.30hrs.

Members Present:

- Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), Mrs J. Bentley, Mrs S. Cottingham - *Hailsham Town Council*
- Mr D. Cottingham, Mr R. Grocock, Ms S. Mulley – *Residents*
- Mrs B. Henderson, Mr J. Henderson – *Hailsham Horticultural Society*
- Mr L. Lovelady – *Hailsham Lions' Club*
- Mr S. McAuliffe – *Soil Safe Sustainable Land Management*

Officers in Attendance:

- T. Hall

Also in Attendance:

- PCSO A. Bond, Mr. P. Endersby
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1. Apologies for Absence

- These were received from Mr H. Bell, Cllr B. Bentley, Miss C. Bentley-Astor, Miss E. Collins, Ms L. Chapman, Cllr J. Puttick, Cllr Mrs M. Rowe and Mrs L. Woodley.

2. Declaration of Interest

- None were received.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 16th March 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

4. Creation of Heritage Trail in Hailsham

- The Committee Clerk circulated the final version of the layout of the Hailsham Heritage Trail Map and Guide produced by Local Authority Publishing Ltd. Quotations for printing of the leaflet were also presented and a successful tenderer agreed by all members present.
- Following Wealden District Council's review on the proposal by the Sub-Committee to undertake the installation of plaques on some of the buildings and other sites of interest on the Hailsham Heritage Trail, the Committee Clerk reported that permission has been granted to proceed with the installations based on certain criteria, e.g. size and material finish specifications, as declared in the supplementary Heritage Statement submitted to Wealden District Council with the application(s). The Committee Clerk reported that the Town Council's Works Supervisor has provisionally agreed to allocate time for members of the Town Council Works team to install the plaques in early May 2011.
- It was agreed that the installation of planting will be carried out in the coming weeks at five of the Hailsham Heritage Trail 'stops': Western Road Recreation Ground, St Mary's churchyard, Hailsham Common Pond, the South Road car park (Cuckoo Trail entrance) and outside Hailsham Library. The Chairman requested that each member come forward with suggestions for planting features relevant to each site at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

5. Plant Nursery Creation Project

- The Committee Clerk reported that a meeting has been set up between the Vice-Chairman and the relevant Case Officer from East Sussex County Council to discuss the

planning application to install a poly-tunnel at Marshlands Primary School, and any developments will be reported at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

6. Hailsham East Recycling Centre Mural Displays

- There was nothing further to report on the Hailsham East recycling mural repainting project.

7. Hailsham In Bloom Fashion Show

- The Chairman reported that Hailsham Community College and Whitehouse Primary School have agreed to assist Hailsham In Bloom with the organisation of the Recycled Fashion Show to be held at the Hailsham Pavilion on Saturday 11th June 2011. A meeting has been set up with representatives from Hailsham Community College in the next few days and any developments will be reported at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

8. Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden Improvements

- The Committee Clerk circulated quotations for the thinning of various tree canopies, crown raising and the removal of under-storey saplings, ivy and other vegetation in the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden, although it was decided that a successful tenderer will be agreed once additional information on tree preservation orders and the relevant licensing requirements have been obtained from Wealden District Council.
- The Committee Clerk reported that the East Sussex Association of Blind and Partially Sighted People (ESAB) has agreed to produce the Braille strips for the new interpretive sign at the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden. Text for the Braille sign will be written in the coming weeks and forwarded to ESAB as early as possible.

9. Creation of New Pond in Hailsham

- Mr S. McAuliffe reported that he had successfully contacted the developers of the Welbury Farm site, declaring the Sub-Committee's interest in the planting of aquatic plants and additional shrubs around the bank of the proposed new pond on the site. Any developments will be reported at future Sub-Committee meetings.
- Cllr Mrs J. Bentley reported that the pond at the Arlington Road east development site has protected status, and the Sub-Committee's interest in working with the developers to enhance the pond will be raised by Cllr Mrs J. Bentley at the next Wealden District Council planning meeting to be held in the next few days.

10. Public Information Day

- All members present agreed to hold this year's Hailsham In Bloom Public Information Day on Saturday 14th May 2011. The Committee Clerk reported that the Quintins Centre has already been booked for the event.

11. Any Other Business

- Mr J. Henderson reported that he had recently visited the Orchard Farm site, and a plan of the existing garden was circulated to all members present, alongside suggestions for viable flower types to be planted on the site as part of next year's major Hailsham In Bloom project to restore and enhance the garden. It was emphasised that the planting of roses to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will need to be planted in the early autumn of this year in order for them to be fully established by the late spring of 2012.
- The Chairman suggested that the text on the existing directional sign located at the London Road/Grovelands Road junction could be amended to include the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden, which will help point members of the public towards the site. The Chairman requested that the Committee Clerk contact East Sussex Highways to discuss this idea further.

12. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April March 2011 at 19.30 hrs in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber, Town Council Offices.

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