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Minutes of Meeting of the **Buildings and Land** held on **19th December 2025 in Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL at 10:15am.**

PRESENT: Councillors D Murray, D Dunbar, A Wood, J Keen, J Heward, G Archer, S Shing (7)

NOT PRESENT: Councillor M Piper, D Watts (2)

3 members of the public present

MINUTES

13983 Item 1: Opportunity for Public Comment for items on the agenda

A volunteer of the Friends of Jubilee Nature Reserve spoke about Item 5.

The Chair of the Friends of Jubilee Nature Reserve spoke about Item 5.

It was noted by all those present.

13984 Item 2: Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Mrs M Piper, D Watts

13985 Item 3: Declarations of interest

Cllr S Shing – Item 6: Non-prejudicial.

S Shing, J Heward – Item 8 and 11: Non-prejudicial

13986 Item 4: Minutes of the meeting dated 17th October 2025

To resolve that the minutes of the last meeting as circulated on the agenda be confirmed as correct record and signed by the chair.

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Buildings and Land Meeting 17th October 2025. VOTE all in favour.

13987 Item 5: Jubilee Nature Reserve

Motion to take the Jubilee Nature Reserve land back under direct Council management and proceed with a structured plan for stewardship, biodiversity enhancement, and public engagement.

It was resolved to take the Jubilee Nature Reserve Land back in house and have a follow up Jubilee Nature Reserve Working Group Meeting to decide on a plan of what the future of the land will be and then bring it back to the Buildings and Land Committee. VOTE all in favour.

13989 Item 6: Grass Cutting for 2026-27:

Motion to decide how many grass cuts Polegate Town Council do a year.

It was resolved that Polegate has 13 cuts in a year including the 2 funded cuts from East Sussex Highways. VOTE 6 for 1 abstention S Shing.

13990 Item 7: Confidential

Buildings and Land Committee to consider pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (Land Matters/ Crime and investigations)

It was resolved to go into confidential session as above. VOTE all in favour.

13991 Item 8: Storage Container: Decision on style and contractors

It was resolved to select Company 1 – National Civil Utilities to supply a storage container for the Polegate Community Library book storage and to install it in the car park as discussed at £6,974.20. VOTE all in favour.

13992 Item 9: Brightling Update

Noted by all those present.

13993 Item 10: CCTV Cameras – Upgrade the High Street CCTV Cameras

It was resolved to upgrade the High Street CCTV Cameras and to use £3,528.37 out of general reserves to fund it. VOTE all in favour.

13994 Item 11: Update – Library

Noted by all those present.

The meeting closed at 11:27am

Signed Chair of Meeting _____ Date _____