

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting held on Monday 4th April 2011 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Mrs J Bigsby (Chair), R Martin, Mrs M Piper, Mrs C Berry, M Cunningham
T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce.

No members of the public present

9675 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Rogers (illness), J Harmer (holiday)

9676 Declarations of interest

None

9677 Opportunity for Public Comment

None

9678 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2011

The minutes were agreed and signed as correct by the chair.

9679 Allotments

A letter had been received regarding the connections for the water at Cophall behind plot 25A.

It was resolved to go ahead with the work with the new information and that the cost of materials would be paid for by the plot holder and the labour would be paid for by Council. VOTE 6 for 1 abstention

A motion received regarding a garden and gates into Gosford Way Allotments. A discussion took place and it was agreed that there should be no such work. This was on the grounds of: Health & safety (access of pedestrians and wheelbarrows through car park); creating an access from land owned by the council to land not owned by the Council was unacceptable; any damage to vehicles would be Council liability; any damage to tarmac and repairs would be Council's liability. It was also considered that there was little funding for the existing gardens and there was unlikely to be any funding available for creating a new garden at that site. **Motion Not Carried.**

It was agreed that the clerk would do a notice for Gosford Way allotment notice board stating:

- No access to the allotments via the wall.
- Plot holders should not park in the car park.
- The lock from the gate will be removed.
- Access must be via the gate only

The clerk was asked that when the maintenance person had cleared the vegetation, if she could check to see if the ground and space was suitable for one or more new plots in that area. The clerk was also asked to check the

quantity of sheds that one plot holder appeared to have and the lease that they held.

9680 Brightling Road – Shelter Update

A discussion took place on the previously agreed shelter and the problems that had ensued. The pros and cons of each shelter were discussed and potential budgets for funding from various sources and the restrictions were discussed.

It was resolved to purchase the “Dug Out” shelter which would be in green and with tinted glass. This would be situated near the skate park with the back to the BMX track at a maximum cost of £5000 including ground works (concrete). The remainder to be ring fenced for Wannock Recreation Ground. VOTE All in favour

9681 Dickensian Fayre – Christmas Lights Switch on

The details had been circulated prior to the meeting. A brief discussion took place where members agreed this was a good idea but that this should be carried forward for the new Council to consider as part of their festivities advisory committee.

It was resolved that this suggestion be carried forward to the new council to consider. VOTE All in favour.

9682 Dog Bins – request for bin at Grand Parade

A letter had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. A discussion took place regarding the request from Wealden District Council for additional funding regarding the extra collections that have been required in Gainsborough Lane for a number of months. Funding has been allocated in the budget for 2011/12 for two extra dog bin collections.

It was resolved not to go ahead with a new dog bin at Grand Parade; to pay for an additional bin near St Johns Church in the High Street; to pay for an additional collection in Gainsborough Lane as requested by Wealden District Council. VOTE All in favour

9683 Litter Bin – request to move the existing bin in Gainsborough Lane next to the bus stop.

A discussion took place on the bins locations and details of the request.

It was resolved to make a request to waste management to move the bin in Gainsborough Lane, to next to the bus stop and to install a new one in Grand Parade if at no cost to the Council (to replace the bin that had previously been in that area). VOTE All in favour

The meeting closed at 8.20pm