

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 12th October 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Barber (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Bigsby, Cllr J Harmer, G Carter, S Shing, Cllr Mrs J Voyce, Cllr T Voyce, M Cunningham A Watkins, R Martin and Cllr Mrs Joy, Cllr Mrs M Piper, T Wright, J Rogers and Mrs C Berry.

4 members of the public

8817 Apologies for absence

None

8818 Declarations of interest

Cllrs J Rogers – personnel and prejudicial under confidential, Cllrs Mrs J Voyce, T Voyce and J Harmer – personnel and non - prejudicial

8819 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th September 2009

The minutes were approved as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

8820 Matters arising from the Meeting held on 14th September 2009

8774 – Cllr Rogers asked if there was any news on the moving of the traffic light at Cophall Roundabout – The Clerk informed Council that a phone call from Inter-route had been received and the traffic lights would not be moved as Highways Authority were in talks with a Developer regarding a bridge being built.

8783 – Wannock Road Fence – This will be reported at the General Purposes Committee

8821 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8822 Opportunity for Public Comment

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

A resident spoke regarding Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground and the Plaque. He stated he had received a letter from the Clerk which he had not fully Understood and he saw that the plaque was on the agenda and would come to The meeting to make himself available for any questions that the Council wished To ask.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8823 PCSO report

The report for September had been circulated and noted. There were no PCSO's in attendance. Cllr Mrs C Berry asked if the North Ward Priorities could be looked at and amended.

8824 District/County Councillors' Reports

Cllr D Shing and R Martin reports had been circulated and noted.

8825 Adoption of minutes from Standing Committees

Personnel 15th September – This would be discussed under confidential Session.

Full Council 23rd September

General Purposes 23rd September – 8799 b – Should read – There was a Discussion on the price of the plaque but no vote was taken. These have been Amended in long hand and will be agreed at the next General Purposes Committee.

Planning – 29th September

It was resolved that the minutes including the amendment for General Purposes, from these meetings were adopted.

8826 To consider recording Council meetings and purchase of suitable Equipment.

A discussion took place regarding the necessity of recording of meetings. This would help with the accuracy of the minutes. A suggested notice that would need To go on the agenda was circulated and quotes for equipment was also circulated and noted. A particular machine was suggested as the best purchase. This would be a one off payment.

It was resolved that a trial would be undertaken at the next Personnel Committee and then a decision would be made by Personnel on the purchase of this equipment.

8827 Newsletter

The newsletter is almost ready for distribution. The Admin Assistant would like 3 Councillors to have the final decision on the newsletter.

It was resolved that Cllrs Mrs J Voyce, Mrs J Bigsby and Mrs C Berry would agree the final draft of the newsletter so that it can be sent out as soon as possible.

8828 Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground – Plaque

A discussion took place regarding the payment of the plaque. At previous meetings it had been discussed and agreed regarding the wording, location and the donation of the plinth from KORG. It was felt that Polegate Town Council should be involved as Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground was being used as the place for the memorial to be placed.

It was resolved that by 9 votes for, 1 vote against and 5 abstentions that Polegate Town Council would pay for the plaque.

A further discussion took place in regard to which quote would be agreed upon.

It was resolved that by 9 votes in favour, 3 against and 3 abstentions that the quote KORG I had received would be the one purchased.

A discussion then took place on whether a dedication service was going to be held. The Council were unable to arrange a service and it was decided that perhaps KORG I would like to arrange a dedication service and this was put to the representative who was present.

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

The representative from KORG I thanked the Council and stated that they would be Delighted to arrange the dedication service if Council allowed.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

The Mayor informed the representative from KORG I that they could make the Arrangements for the dedication service.

8829 Councillors Question Time

Cllr Watkins asked the Mayor if litter picking was considered confidential. The Mayor responded that it was not. Cllr Watkins then asked if a review of all confidential matters could be undertaken as he felt that some items discussed under confidential did not justify the public and press being excluded. The Mayor agreed that this should be carried out.

8830 Youth

The Youth Report had been circulated by Cllr Mrs J Bigsby prior to the meeting.

8831 Over 60's

The Over 60's report had been circulated by Cllr Mrs J Bigsby prior to the meeting.

The Council had been approached from Sophie Hepworth from Wealden District Council regarding the success of the Over 60's Information Day. Ms Hepworth had been bidding for monies from PCT and had been successful and had gained £975. Ms Hepworth had approached the Council with the proposal of holding another Information Day in Polegate.

It was resolved that Polegate Town Council would hold another Information Day together with Ms Hepworth and a small working group would be set up to co-ordinate this. The following Councillors volunteered – Mrs J Bigsby, J Rogers, S Barber T Wright, R Martin, T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce, G Carter, Mrs D Joy and Mrs M Piper.

8832 Financial Report

a) Approval of accounts for payment

The Accounts were approved

b) Monthly financial update

This was noted by members.

Cllr J Rogers informed Council that a person had been employed at the School As the new crossing patrol.

8833 Town Clerk's Report including Health & Safety Report

The Town Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting and had been noted by Council.

The Clerk reported to Council that she had received a phone call to say that

A new doctor's surgery was being looked at on the site of Tower Mill. She had informed the caller that Tower Mill was in Willingdon and Jevington Parish Councils boundary. The Clerk had informed Willingdon and Jevington's Clerk.

8834 Correspondence for Information/Action

Wealden Tourism Strategy – WDC are updating the tourism strategy and this piece Or work will help set the policy framework for the next five years.

Cllr J Rogers would like to be involved in this consultation.

LDF – reply received from WDC

The Planning Inspectorate – Notification received regarding creating a public Footpath running from the Victoria Road to Brook Street.

Space Watch (UK) Ltd – Details had been circulated regarding the publishing of a Guide to Polegate. As we have map with a tour guide it was felt unnecessary.

Sussex Police – Letter had been received regarding the existing contract extension And new maintenance contract costs. Cllr J Harmer and Mrs J Bigsby would be Attending the Meeting on 11 November at Police HQ, Lewes.

Balfour Beatty Nott MacDonald – letter had been received regarding works that are Going to be carried out creating a new right turn from A27 onto Gainsborough Lane. The work will commence on 22nd February and is programmed to last 5 Weeks.

Sussex and Kent Route Utilisation Strategies Conference – 27th November.

Cllr R Martin will attend.

Wealden View – Copy is in the office.

Cllr G Carter had attended the WDALC and had been given minutes of a meeting That the Sussex Association of Local Councils had been hosting. The Chief Constable and the Chief Executive of Sussex Police Authority had been in Attendance. The Chief commented there is a budget of £250 million within the Sussex Police. Over the next 5 years that funding will have to close by £35 million. In 2010/11 there will have to be a 2% savings and from thereafter £7.5 million Savings per year. 85% of the Police budget was on people.

8835 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor was delighted to announce that the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mr W Shelford and his wife would be visiting Polegate on Tuesday 17th November. This would be a high profile event for Polegate. The itinerary is in the process of being finalised.

8836 Date of the next cycle of meetings

21st October 6.30 – Planning

21st October 7.30 – General Purposes

28th October 6.30 – Personnel

28th October 7.30 – Finance

9th November 7.30 – Full Council

8837 Resolution to take business into confidential session

It was resolved that due to the confidential nature of the next business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the rest of the meeting.

Cllr S Shing left the meeting.