

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 13th July 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, J Rogers, G Carter, S Shing, Cllr Mrs J Voyce, Cllr T Voyce, M Cunningham A Watkins, R Martin and Cllr Mrs C Berry, T Wright Cllr Mrs M Piper,

4 members of the public

8679 Apologies for absence

None

8680 Declarations of interest

None

8681 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th June 2009

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

8682 Matters arising from the Meeting held on 8th June 2009

Inter-route re A27 Polegate Bypass Noise Bund Slip. Correspondence had been received from Inter-route and the due date is 18 January 2010.

8644 – All letters that had been sent out had been authorised by the member of the Council that had requested it.

8683 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8684 Opportunity for Public Comment

No member of the public wished to comment.

8685 PCSO report

The report for June was circulated and noted.

Cllr T Wright as Chair of Traffic and Transport asked the PCSO's in attendance if they were aware of the problem with parked cars at the junction of Hailsham Road and Victoria Road. The PCSO's explained that they made regular visits to this area and unless the vehicle is causing an obstruction there is very little that they could enforce in this instance.

The Council thanked the PCSO's for attending the Meeting and also thanked them for all their hard work within the Town.

Cllr Mrs J Bigsby informed the Council that the Polegate South Neighbourhood Panel will be meeting on Wednesday 15th July to set three new priorities. All are welcome.

8686 District/County Councillors' Reports

A written report from Cllr D Broadbent and Cllr D Shing were circulated.

Cllr R Martin apologised that he was unable to send in a report prior to the meeting but he informed the Council that he had serious concerns regarding the Planning Department changes at WDC which is mentioned within Cllr D Broadbent's report. Cllr R Martin also informed the Council that he had been appointed to the Committee for Safety on our Roads.

8687 Notice of Resolution under the Provision of Standing Order 20 Proposed by Cllr A Watkins and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Berry.

"The Council agrees to register the Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground as a Town Green under the Commons Act 2006".

Cllr A Watkins said that his proposal would give full protection to the War Memorial Recreation Ground so its use would always remain for the purpose it was given to the people of Polegate. He explained the definition of a Town Green and that the land qualified; registration by the County Council would protect the peoples right to use it and stop any further argument about using the land for any other purpose.

A discussion took place between all Councillors and a vote was taken.

Agreed 4 votes and they were Cllrs Martin, Watkins, Shing and Cllr Mrs Berry.
Against the motion 7 and 2 abstentions.

It was resolved that the Council would continue to liaise with the Solicitors regarding registering the land with the Charities Commission.

8688 Adoption of minutes from Standing Committees

Personnel – 8th June Confidential

General Purposes – 17th June

Planning – 23rd June

It was resolved that the minutes from these meetings were adopted.

A discussion took place regarding the agenda for both the Full Council and the General Purposes Committees as it was felt that the General Purposes Agenda is too big.

It was resolved that this would be discussed at the next General Purposes Committee on 22 July 2009

8689 Councillors question time

Cllr Mrs J Voyce asked if the County Councillors could join the Town Council at the next LDF meeting. Cllr S Shing stated that if the meetings could be held on a Monday then he would be in attendance.

Cllr J Harmer asked Cllr S Shing if he knew of a date that the lights at Cophall Roundabout were going to be moved.

Cllr S Shing felt that it was not the correct place in the agenda to answer this question.

Cllr S Shing left the meeting.

8690 Financial Report

a) Approval of accounts for payment

Cheque number 202397 – travelling expenses for the last 3 months for Cllr T Wright.

Cheque number 202401 – Mayors Fund

The Accounts were approved

b) Monthly financial update

This was noted by members.

8691 Town Clerk's Report including Health & Safety Report

The Town Clerk read her report to all members. It stated all the Meetings that she had attended and all those that are booked until November. In her report she thanked all the Councillors and Mrs Lin Baxter for her continued help, support and friendship.

8692 Correspondence noted

Wealden District Council – Towermill Place

East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership Newsletter

East Sussex Focus on East Sussex 2009 Annual monitor

NALC Report of Chief Executive

SALC Crimestoppers Letter

ESCC Proposed Adult Social Care Proposed Changes in Directly Provided Social Care

These had all been noted by the Councillors.

A letter had been received from Berwick Parish Council asking Polegate Town Council to sign a petition which states that the recent plans for Increased housing in rural areas of South Wealden underestimate the Negative impact of excessive development so close to areas of outstanding Beauty. It also states that Wealden District Council should develop and Adopt a policy that will protect the rural amenity of Downland approaches And foothills including Cuckmere Valley by keeping housing development Proportionate to proven local housing needs and avoiding damage to Wildlife preserves, fauna and archaeological heritage.

It was resolved that Polegate Town Council would support this petition and a letter should be sent by the Town Clerk stating this fact.

The Town Clerk and Cllr J Rogers had been to several events concerning Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Spatial Development Options. Booklets had been sent to all Councillors and a public consultation Was ongoing by Wealden District Council. The closing date for comments Both members of the public and Councils is 28th August 5.00pm.

A presentation by Wealden District Council for members of the public would Be held on Saturday 18th July at the Community Centre from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

A discussion took place between Councillors regarding how the Council Would take this forward.

It was resolved that a public meeting, Cllr J Rogers to chair, would be publicised for Wednesday 29th July from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at the Council Chambers

8693 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor thanked all those that attended the Civic Service at St Johns Church. The Mayors Tea Party had been a great success with very positive feedback. Cllr Mrs J Bigsby and the Mayor had attended the Age Concern Luncheon Club. The Over 60's Information Day on 7th September is now fully booked. The Mayor is attending the Princess of Wales homecoming parade in Lewes on Thursday 16th July.

8694 Date of the next cycle of meetings

General Purposes – 22 July 7.30pm

Finance – 27th July 7.30

Full Council 14 September 7.30

8695 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.