

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 16 July 2007 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Mrs I. Scarborough (Mayor), Mrs C. Berry, Mrs J. Bigsby, M. Cunningham, J. Harmer, Mrs D. Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, J. Rogers, S. Shing (from 8.20 p.m.), Mrs J. Voyce, T. Voyce and T. Wright

5 members of the public

Mr Mike Cornish of ESCC Adult Social care

7604 Apologies

Cllr. S. Barber, Cllr G. Carter.

7605 Declarations of interest

There were none.

7606 Special Announcement – The Mayor asked that an additional item be admitted to the agenda prior to item 17 in order that a special announcement could be made.
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to admit the additional item to the agenda.

7607 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 June 2007

The Mayor reserved minute number 7576 and asked the Town Clerk to clarify the position with regard to the fitting of residual current devices (rcds) to the festive lighting display in the High Street.

The Town Clerk confirmed that rcds will be fitted to the socket outlet on the 20 street light columns in the High Street to which festive lights will be attached. No other street light columns in the town will be affected.

There being no other questions the minutes of the meeting were agreed as correct and signed by the Mayor.

7607 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 June 2007

There were none.

7608 Future of Adult Social Care in Polegate

It was proposed seconded and agreed to suspend standing orders to allow Mr Mike Cornish to address council on the future of Adult Social Care in Polegate.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Mr Cornish explained that East Sussex County Council (ESCC) are undertaking a comprehensive review of all adult social care in the county and this would involve looking at the way services are currently being delivered. A team has been set up to collect demographic data, produce financial profiles, analyse existing facilities and look at suitability of sites in order to report to the ESCC cabinet in November. For Polegate the report will consider the facility at Gilda Crescent and the William Daly Centre.

Prior to the final report being produced an interim report on the findings so far will be published at the end of July. There will be an opportunity for public comment on this interim report although due to the tight time constraints comments will need to be made by mid-August. Concerns were expressed that the timescale for comment were so tight although it was recognised that giving feedback was important. The Mayor thanked Mr Cornish for attending the meeting and explaining the review process.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Council should convene a special meeting to consider what feedback to give to ESCC once the interim report on the future of adult social care has been published.

7609 Financial matters

a) **Accounts for payment** - The list of forthcoming payments was approved.

b) **Monthly Financial Update** - A schedule setting out the cash position of council at the end of June was considered and noted.

c) **List of direct debits** - A list of items currently paid by direct debit was considered and noted.

d) **Finance Committee** - A proposal to form a separate finance committee to look at financial issues in greater detail was considered. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to form a working party to consider the proposal. Cllrs Cunningham, Martin, Mrs M Piper and T Voyce agreed to join the working party.

7610 Adoption of minutes of standing committees

Planning of 12 June 2007 - the Chair of Planning presented the minutes and there being no matters raised, proposed that they be adopted. This was resolved unanimously.

Personnel of 21 June 2007 - the Chair of Personnel presented the minutes and there being no matters raised, proposed that they be adopted. This was resolved unanimously.

7611 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported that she and some members of council had attended a concert at the Congress Theatre performed by children from Polegate School. The concert was a great success which reflected well on the staff and children at our local school.

7612 Notification of matters dealt with as 'urgent'

There were none.

Cllr. Shing arrived at 8.20 p.m.

7613 Town Clerk's report

The Town Clerk referred to his report which had been previously circulated and asked if there were any questions. In response to questions regarding items raised at the recent councillor's surgery (The pathway in St John's Road and parking at Grand Parade) the Town Clerk explained that he had arranged a meeting with Andy Brooke of ESCC Highways Authority to discuss these matters and would report back on the outcome.

7614 Eastbourne Bonfire Society – Update

The Town Clerk reported on the outcome of the recent meetings between the bonfire working group and the Eastbourne Bonfire Society (EBS). The working group were happy with the responses received so far from EBS and could see no reason why the event couldn't proceed as planned. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to inform Roy Ridley of the EBS that council were in agreement to them staging their event in the town on the 22nd September subject to meeting the outstanding requirements regarding health and safety, emergency services liaison and public liability insurance.

7615 Polegate Community Association – Request for grant

Council considered a request from Polegate Community Association for a grant to fund improvements to the community centre. In light of the financial position of the council it was proposed, seconded and agreed not to support the request for a grant. Cllr. Shing abstained from voting on this proposal.

7616 Response to LDF Issues and Options Paper

Wealden District Council is seeking comments and feedback on the LDF Issues and Options Paper that was recently circulated. Because of the importance of this issue it was proposed seconded and agreed that a separate special meeting of council should be convened to determine what council's response should be.

7617 Eastbourne District General Hospital Review of Services - Meeting Feedback

Cllr Mrs M Piper reported on the outcome of the latest meeting on the future of services at the Eastbourne District General Hospital (DGH). It appears that Hastings Borough Council has voted for Option 4 and Wealden District Council for Option 3 with a proviso that the consultation period be extended to allow further debate on Option 5. Polegate Town Council remains committed to Option 5. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a letter reiterating council's support for Option 5 be prepared and forwarded to the chief executives of the Eastbourne Downs NHS Trust and the East Sussex Primary care Trust and the Secretary of State for Health.

7618 Correspondence -

a) Play space workshops - Wealden District Council (WDC) propose to arrange a workshop as part of its Play Strategy to ensure, inter alia, that play areas within the district are accessible, well maintained and meet the needs of children and young people. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a response should be sent to WDC expressing council's support for the idea of a workshop. Cllrs. Mrs J Bigsby and R Martin offered to represent council in this process.

7619 Dates of the next cycle of meetings

Full Council	17 September 2007
Personnel	07 August 2007
Planning	as and when required

7620 Special Announcement

The Town Clerk advised council that the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Ivy Scarborough had tendered her resignation as a councillor effective from the conclusion of the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Mayor should continue to act as chair until the conclusion of the meeting at which point her resignation would become effective.

7621 Resolution

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all that owing to confidential nature of the next business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the rest of the meeting.