

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 27th April 2015 Council Chambers, 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs M Clewett **MCI** (Mayor), Mrs M Piper **MP**, J Harmer **JH**, M Cunningham **MC**, T Voyce **TV**, H Parker **HP**, Mrs J Voyce **JV**, S Shing **SS**, D Broadbent **DB**, D Shing **DS** Mrs C Berry **CB**, E Board **EB** (12)

Not Present: Cllrs M Pybus **MPy**, G Gibbs MBE **GG** (2)

10 members of the public including PCSO Ali Beaden & Liz McDonnagh

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution	Action
11311	Apologies for absence Cllrs G Gibbs MBE (personal), M Pybus (work)	
11312	Declarations of interest None	
11313	Opportunity for public comment Standing orders suspended PCSO Liz McDonnagh was available and updated everyone present with the latest police issues in Polegate: Youth issues near the centre; car vandalism in Porters way; bag taken at Cophall service station; theft of a bike from a front garden; 6-8 garage in Walnut Walk broken into but nothing taken; a window smashed at Millfield and a charity box theft from a couple of shops, the person was arrested. An unusual attack on a foreign student in Eastbourne road. The police were asked if they would be ticketing for the newly painted yellow lines, the PCSO stated that she had issued a number of tickets that week and although it was not a priority she continued to do as many as possible. Standing orders reinstated	
11314	Minutes of the Full Council meeting of 30th March 2015 It was resolved to sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 30th March 2015 as a true record of the meetings. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing, Mrs C Berry, E Board	
11315	Adoption of minutes and recommendations of a) Business Plan & Buildings & Land Committee meeting of 30th March 2015 b) Planning Committee meeting of 2nd April 2015 c) Finance & Policy Committee 16th April 2015 It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the above committee meetings en bloc. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing, Mrs C Berry, E Board	
11316	Mayor's Report Not a great deal has occurred in the last month as Mayor of the present Town Council. On Saturday 4th I was invited to the centennial match of Polegate Town Football Club. It was supposed to be against a local RAF team but for operational reasons they were unable to come, however the club rallied round and produced two teams from among their members. An	

	interesting match ensued, over 27 year olds against younger members. The older team won aided by a spectacular own goal of premier club standard. Not quite the 30,000 spectators I am used to at Molineux but about 10 of us enjoyed the afternoon. Stuart outlined their thoughts for improvements to facilities at the pavilion. I was to attend a WDALC meeting on Wednesday 15th but this was cancelled. Many members are not standing for re-election and the guest speaker who had been invited was unable to attend so the chairman decided to wait until after the election before resuming regular meetings. Yesterday I was honoured to be asked to take the salute, jointly with Janet Coles, the Mayor of Eastbourne, along with Mr J Pritchett of Willington and Jevington Parish Council at the local area Scouts Annual St Georges Day parade and service at the bandstand. A first, and possibly last, for me. It was a very well attended event. As you know this is our last full council meeting together pending the elections on May 7th. I believe we have had a satisfactory four years and have had some positive achievements. If we had not been saddled with the enormous bill for street lights we could have done more. Perhaps the incoming council will have more flexibility when the lighting upgrade is complete. I am not going to single out specific items save to express particular thanks to Malcolm and Hugh for keeping the books balanced. We had only one small precept increase one year to cover the purchase of the public lavatories, this overwhelmingly supported by the vast number of residents who spoke out for it. As you know we have had one unfortunate incident with a now former councillor, this resolved in the courts on Wednesday. The Town Clerk and I were asked to give statements to the press. We took the view that it had nothing to do with the Town Council being a purely domestic issue and we both declined to comment. I am sure all of us here will join in wishing Amanda a full recovery from her awful ordeal. Finally I wish to pay tribute to the two previous Mayors during this Council, Tim and Malcolm for all the work they put into the position and of course our Town Clerk, Jo, and her staff for all the work they put in to keep the business of running the town on a capable and highly professional level. We could not function without them. So I wish all the best of luck to those of you standing again for election and our warm thanks to those standing down for whatever reason for all the support and help over our last four years. I remind you that the Annual Statutory Meeting of the new Council will take place in the Council Chambers at 7.30pm on Monday May 18th. The Mayor presented a small gift to Jo in recognition of the invaluable help she has given over the last year.	
11317	Financial Update Approval of accounts for payment a) It was resolved to approve the schedule of accounts for payment to the value of £2152.74 b) It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation and associated accounts c) It was noted that the bus shelter has been temporarily removed from the asset register. d) It was resolved to approve the Barclaycard payment	

	to the value of £60.99 It was resolved to vote en bloc for the above resolutions VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing, Mrs C Berry, E Board	
11318	Motion to submit a freedom of information request to Wealden District Council for a list of all call outs to blockages in Polegate toilets for the periods 2103,2013 and 2014 January to December and the cause It was resolved to submit a freedom of information request to Wealden District Council for a list of all call outs to blockages in Polegate toilets for the periods 2103,2013 and 2014 January to December and the cause VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing, Mrs C Berry, E Board	
11319	Motion to approve the annual clearance of vegetation at Brightling Road meadow to protect the indigenous species It was resolved to approve an annual clearance of the vegetation at Brightling Road meadow (stream) to protect the indigenous species for an approximate costs of £200 to be met from the general maintenance budget and to be added to the budget for future years. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing, Mrs C Berry, E Board	
11320	Proposed dates of next cycle of meetings Annual Statutory Meeting 18th May 2015 Full Council 29th June 2015 Full Council 27th July 2015 No meetings in August Full Council 28th September 2015 (provisional) Full Council 26th October 2015 (Provisional) Additional budget meetings to be announced Planning; Personnel; Finance November 2015 Full Council 30th November 2015 (Provisional) Full Council 14th December 2015 (Provisional)	
11321	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. – STAFF MATTERS It was resolved as per the above Acts to exclude the press and public to discuss staff matters No one wished to discuss any detail of minute.... And therefore there was no requirement to enter confidential session.	
11322	Staff matters The clerk's satisfactory appraisal and subsequent increment in accordance with her contract were approved and noted by all present.	

The meeting closed at 7.47pm