

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 28th October 2024 7pm at Council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL.

Present: Cllrs D Dunbar, S Shing, J Heward, M Piper, D Watts, N Dunbar, C Berry, A Wood, W Heasman-O'Neill, D Murray, A O'Kane, M Cunningham (12)

Not Present: - Cllrs W Alexander, D Shing, J Keen (3)

1 member of public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution
13648	Opportunity for public comment for items on the agenda None
13649	Apologies for absence Cllrs W Alexander, D Shing no other apologies were received
13650	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda Cllr N Dunbar non prejudicial as a member of the Friends of Jubilee Nature reserve Committee.
13651	Mayors Verbal report The Mayor updated the council on his civic activities including Community puzzle swap; Hailsham Voice and Hailsham Bonfire parade; Hasting's celebration. He had also given a tour to the ESCC chairman showing him the community centre and the ambulance station as well as introducing him to local high street businesses.
13652	Clerks update report None (all emailed)
13653	To adopt and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 30th September 2024 <u>It was resolved to adopt and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 30th September 2024 VOTE All in favour</u>
13654	Minutes and recommendations of committees and standing committees a. Planning Committee meeting of 11th October 2024 <u>It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Planning committee meeting of 11th October 2024 VOTE All in favour</u>
13655	Financials a) Barclay card statements for noting b) Bank reconciliations, income and expenditure reports, trial balances, ear marked reserves including VAT return. For approval of variances as shown <u>It was resolved to accept the accounts as presented and variances. VOTE All in favour</u>
13656	Reports from representatives on outside bodies a. Jubilee Nature Reserve A council representative spoke about the pond that the group was requesting and the bridge. There were concerns over the overgrown state of the land, all of the snowdrops gifted and planted were buried under a large number of brambles. They had planned to plant apple trees which included a local Alfriston variety. Airs has a new rep helping the group who was advising them on grants. They requested if more wood chips could be delivered to the site. They had declined to request a budget sum for maintenance, although they had mentioned they may need funding for other things. There was reference to a fence being broken and in need of repair. It was mentioned that the environment agency would charge them £500 just to look at their bridge proposal.
13657	Correspondence for action a) Friends of Jubilee nature reserve – request for pond on site of JNR

	<i>A councillor commented that he still wanted the site to be more open to general public but that this would have health and safety implications if a pond were to be created. Issues of depth, lifebelts were raised. Council acknowledged the map that had been circulated regarding the approximate location of a pond. There were concerns over safety and future costs of a pond and potential vandalism. A councillor commented on the river that ran through the site. Ponds on local developments and proposed local developments were discussed in terms of the attenuation ponds on site or proposed nearby. The proposed pond would be nothing on the scale of those attenuation ponds.</i> <i>Item deferred – in principle the council had no objections to a pond but would not consider in full unless all of the questions raised regarding health and safety location etc were answered.</i>
13658	To review, accept and agreed to take any recommended actions from the Internal Audit report <u>It was resolved to accept the internal audit report along with its recommendations. VOTE All in favour.</u>
13659	To consider Wealden Consultation: Environmental Framework for Events and Licensed Businesses: Environmental Framework for Events and Licensed Businesses Let's Talk Wealden <i>Cllr O’Kane arrived at 19:27pm</i> It was agreed that the framework was aspirational and had good aims but potentially not practical. Wealden District Council should however be leading by example. <u>It was resolved that the corporate response would be that it was aspirational but in practice not deliverable. Recycling, wind farms, solar farms etc were all feasible. VOTE All in favour.</u>
13660	Dates for next meetings LIST UPCOMING MEETINGS Personnel Meeting TBC Buildings and Land Committee 1st November 2024 Full Council meeting 25th November 2024 Full Council meeting 6th January 2025 (Precept and budget setting) Full Council meeting 27th January 2025 Full Council meeting 24th February 2025 Full Council meeting 31st March 2025 The dates of the meetings were noted by all present.

The meeting closed at 19:30pm

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____ Date _____