

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 29th April 2013 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street Polegate at 8.00pm

Present: M Cunningham **MC**(Chair), J Harmer **JH**, G Gibbs MBE **GG**, D Broadbent **DB**, S Shing **SS** H Parker **HP**, Mrs M Piper **MP**, Mrs J Voyce **JV**, T Voyce **TV**, M Clewett **MCI**, Mrs C Berry **CB** J O’Riordan **JOR**, **(12)**

Not Present: Cllrs, E Board **EB**, M Pybus **MP**, D Shing **DS** **(3)**

7 members of the public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution	Action
10585	Apologies for absence D Shing (work)	-
10586	Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda Minute 10594 Cllr Mrs M Piper Non prejudicial Minute 10597 Cllr M Clewett non prejudicial Minute 10593 Cllr D Broadbent non prejudicial	
10587	Opportunity for Public comment Standing orders suspended A resident thanked the council on behalf of the Ramblers regarding the agreement to allow them to use the car park on Thursdays in the past and was concerned that signs would worry the ramblers if they stated that cars would be clamped. A resident spoke about the dog bins and the problems on the Cuckoo trail with dog waste. He also commented on horse waste on the trail. The Mayor stated that the dog bins there did not belong to Polegate Town Council. The resident stated that he felt there should be more dog bins in the Sayerlands/Malcolm gardens area near the pylons. A resident spoke regarding the dog bins and that she felt there should be one near Malcolm Gardens. A resident spoke on the street lights stating that he supported the part night lighting in Northfield and that the council could consider when changing to part night lighting doing one street at a time. He also mentioned that a column in Wannock road would need a hydraulic jack and this could be mentioned to the contractor for health and safety reasons. Standing orders reinstated.	
10588	Minutes of Full Council held on 25th March 2013 and minutes of the Special Full Council meeting of 9th April 2013 The minutes had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The minutes of Full Council of 25th March 2013 were taken and read, accurate and signed by the Mayor. The minutes of the Special Full Council of 9th April 2013 were taken as read, accurate and signed by the Mayor. VOTE All in favour	
10589	Polegate Town Council Mayors report The Mayor stated that due to bereavement he had been unable to do some of the civic duties and some of these had been covered by the deputy Mayor and he thanked him for his help. The next function would be the Twinning Association and he stated that more and more invites were now coming in for other functions. The information day was mentioned. The Mayor informed the Council that as recognition for the manner in which the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee	

	organised the visit of the Lord Lieutenant to Polegate on June 2nd 2012 Cllr O’Riordan and his wife Amanda have, at the instigation of the Lord Lieutenants office, been invited to Buckingham Palace on the 22nd May for a garden party. A great honour for the DJCC and for Polegate itself. He thanked the Diamond Jubilee Committee for all of their help in organising the events around the Diamond Jubilee.	
10590	Adoption of Minutes and recommendations from Committees and Standing Committees a) Finance Committee Minutes of 25th March 2013 It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting of 25th March 2013. VOTE All in favour b) Planning Committee minutes of 9th April 2013 It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting of 9th April 2013. VOTE All in favour	
10591	Closure of High Street toilets by Wealden District Council A councillor stated that she had spoken with the office and been round to all of the shops who had not returned their forms and all had said no. the councillor asked the clerk if she could have the notes typed and give them to the District Councillors to take forward as proof that the scheme could not work here and was not a viable alternative to the High Street toilets. The clerk stated that she would. It was agreed that no monies would be allocated at this stage until a response from Wealden had been received. (Minute 10592 d & e)	JO
10592	Financial update a) Approval of accounts for payment It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment totalling £28057.49 VOTE All in favour b) Copy of Barclaycard Statements The statement was noted by all present. c) Copy of Bank reconciliation The bank reconciliation was noted by all present. d) Motion to take £8000 from general reserves into an earmarked reserve for High Street toilets It was agreed to defer until after a response from Wealden. e) Motion to take £7000 form general reserves into an earmarked reserve for High Street Toilets It was agreed to defer until after a response from Wealden.	JO
10593	Motion to Place a sign at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground to discourage parking by non users of the buildings and grounds. It was resolved that a sign be placed near the entrance of the car park with the wording "Private Car Park for recreation ground users only. Vehicles left at owners risk". It was agreed a letter would be sent to the ramblers confirming that they would be permitted to continue to use that car park on Thursdays as already agreed. The costs of the sign to be around £35-45 + VAT. VOTE All in favour.	JO
10594	To authorise payment for changes to columns in Northfield to correct EDF issue. It was resolved to authorise payment of £233.48 + VAT	

	It was agreed to defer the decision. The clerk was asked to produce a map of the locations of the dog bins in Polegate in order that the Council could look at areas that may be in need of dog bins.	
10598	Motion to hold the annual garden competition by entrance form only. a. Decision required on the method of judging (by entrance or by selection of front gardens only.) It was resolved that the Garden Competition would continue to be held by nomination by councillors. b. Decision required on date of judging for gardens and allotments It was resolved that the garden and allotment judging would take place on the evening of 22nd July 2013 c. Decision required on who will judge the gardens and allotments to select from : Cllrs Mrs M Piper; Mrs J Voyce; Mrs C Berry; D Shing; J Harmer; M Cunningham It was resolved that any councillors who were available on 22nd July 2013 from the above list would be judges. d. Authorisation of the prizes to be awarded for Best Garden - First prize £25, second prize £15, third £10 paid from the "Best Garden" budget It was resolved to allocate a First prize of £25, second prize of £15, third of £10 paid from the "Best Garden" budget. e. Authorisation of the prizes to be awarded for the best allotment - First prize £25, second prize £15, third £10 paid from the "Best Allotment" budget It was resolved to allocate a First prize of £25, second prize of £15, third of £10 paid from the "Best Allotment" budget.	
10599	Proposed Dates of next cycle of meetings The following dates were set: Annual Meeting of the council – election of Mayor 20th May 2013 Full Council 24th June 2013 Full council 29th July 2013 Full Council 30th September 2013 Full Council 28th October 2013 Budget Planning 4th November 2013 Budget Personnel 4th November 2013 Budget Finance & Policy 11th November 2013 Full Council 25th November 2013 Full Council 9th December 2013 Full Council precept setting 13th January 2014 Full Council 24th February 2014 Full Council 31st March 2014	

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm