

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 29th April 2019 Council Chambers, 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, B Goodwin, Mrs M Phillips, D Watts, D Dunbar, D Murray, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, D Shing (13)

Not Present: - Cllrs J Portway, R Shing (2)
6 members of the public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution
12656	<i>Minute 12663 was agreed to be moved to the end of the meeting as some items were of a confidential nature.</i> Opportunity for public comment None
12657	Apologies for absence Cllrs J Portway, R Shing
12658	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda Cllrs S Shing, Ms A Snell, D Murray District Councillors; Cllrs S Shing County Councillor; Cllr D Murray Pevensey & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board (previously given.) Mrs M Piper, D Murray directors of PWMRG CIC.
12659	Mayors Report verbal The Mayor reminded everyone present that although the elections results were known due to it being an uncontested election, the purdah period still applied. Being the last meeting of the council she thanked everyone for all their hard work and commented how well they had all worked together as a team. The Deputy major thanked the mayor and said how much she had enjoyed working with her as her deputy. The mayor commented how well the litter pick event on 30th march had gone and the public information day. The good weather had brought many people to the litter picking event. She thanked Nathan Dunbar for all his help at the event. The public information day had had less attendees probably because of the exceptionally hot weather and commented that plans were to move the date of the next event and include blanket testing. The mayor had also attended the Eastbourne Lions tea party at St Johns Church hall on 27th April.
12660	Clerks report A councillor commented on how disappointing it was that there was still a large amount of vandalism taking place and that there had been the theft of the trees. He mentioned that he was keen to use the woodland trust to plant new trees in the future, which were usually provided free of charge. He was pleased that the toilets were now almost completed and that the sale would go ahead shortly and the new toilet installed. A councillor was thanked for assisting in reducing the clawback for the town to 10%, which another councillor

	commented had been requested at the time of sale.
12661	To approve and adopt the minutes of full council minutes of the meeting on 25th March 2019 <u>It was resolved to accept the full council minutes of 25th March 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Mayor. VOTE All in favour Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, B Goodwin, Mrs M Phillips, D Watts, D Dunbar, D Murray, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, D Shing</u>
12662	Buildings and land working group notes/minutes with some recommendations for discussion. Meetings of 29th March 2019 and 2nd April 2019. This items was dealt with at the end of the meeting and a motion passed to discuss in confidential session. <u>VOTE All in favour Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, B Goodwin, Mrs M Phillips, D Watts, D Dunbar, D Murray, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, D Shing</u> It was noted that the EPC certificates had been carried out as per delegated authority and other discussions included in the reports. It was resolved to remove the old goal posts at Wannock and install a new set further down the field. The quote for £670 was accepted and funding would be from the grant from Wealden (via central government) if possible but from general reserves if not. <u>VOTE All in favour Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, B Goodwin, Mrs M Phillips, D Watts, D Dunbar, D Murray, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, D Shing</u>
12663	Business Plan working group report to council The business plan and the report to show progress had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. A councillor commented on the liaison with Wealden over the development of the town centre which was in progress. A councillor commented that the new toilets could potentially have flowers or hanging baskets around them to make them look nicer. Many of the councillors stated that they had ideas for the visioning and new business plan and wanted to promote tourism within the town. A short discussion on market forces and the appearance of the high street ensued and the potential improvements to the High Street. Business rates were also discussed.
12664	Financial Update Councillors commented on the umbrellas from the Mayors fund. The Mayor stated that she had bought them ready for the next year's Remembrance service. a) Approval of payments as presented <u>It was resolved to approve the accounts to the value of £16,330.00 as presented VOTE All in favour Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, B Goodwin, Mrs M Phillips, D Watts, D Dunbar, D Murray, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, D Shing</u> b) Barclaycard Statements – already authorised (delegated) for noting £104.46 (March)

	Noted by all present. A councillor asked about the umbrellas and the Mayor stated that she had purchased a few with her fund for the Remembrance service. c) £1000 funding for litter items from Wealden district Council <u>It was resolved to accept the £1000 and to purchase litter picking items as shown to the value of £1000. (This would assist in two litter pick events by the Polegate Plodders and a group of allotment holders.)</u> <u>VOTE 7 for Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, D Murray, D Watts, Mrs C Berry, Mrs M Phillips, M Falkner, 6 against D Dunbar, B Goodwin, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, D Shing</u> <u>A councillor asked if "Polegate Town Council volunteer" could be printed on the back of the HV vests. It was resolved that any windfall funding would be delegated to the clerk [in liaison with buildings and land working group] to deal with due to their short timescales. VOTE All in favour Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, B Goodwin, Mrs M Phillips, D Watts, D Dunbar, D Murray, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, D Shing</u> <i>Cllr S Shing left at 8.16pm</i> <i>Cllr S Shing returned at 8.18pm</i> d) Additional funding from general reserves for trees at Wannock car park <u>It was resolved to accept the quotation for tree work at Polegate war Memorial recreation ground (trees in the car park) as per the tree audit and the quotation received. VOTE All in favour Cllrs Ms A Snell, Mrs W Alexander, B Goodwin, Mrs M Phillips, D Watts, D Dunbar, D Murray, Mrs M Piper, Mrs S Dobson, S Shing, Mrs C Berry, M Falkner, D Shing</u> e) Journals The journals were noted by all present.
12265	Correspondence for noting a) A27 survey on council land response It was noted that the consultants had not carried out a survey and therefore no report was available.
	Dates of the next scheduled meetings Full Council 20th May 2019 Full Council 24th June 2019 Full Council 29th July 2019 Full Council 30th September 2019 Full Council 28th October 2019 Full Council 25th November 2019 Full Council 9th December 2019 Full Council 13th January 2020 (precept and budget setting)

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____ Date _____