

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

Present: Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.

Not Present: Cllr R Shing, M Cunningham

2 members of the public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution
12739	Opportunity for public comment The chairperson of Polegate defibrillators spoke on minute 12750 in support of the council adopting the telephone boxes on behalf of the group.
12740	Apologies for absence Cllr M Cunningham, R Shing
12741	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda Cllrs S Shing, D Shing, R Shing, Ms A Snell, D Watts District Councillors; Cllrs S Shing, D Shing County Councillors; Cllr D Murray Pevensey & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board (previously given.) Mrs M Piper, D Murray, Ms A Snell, D Watts directors of PWMRG CIC. Cllrs D Dunbar, D Watts members of the Polegate Defibrillator group. Cllr J Harmer first responders. All non pecuniary.
12742	Mayors Report verbal The mayor spoke about his attendance of the Seaford mayor's reception; The Scarecrow festival fun day 20/7; You raise me Up coffee morning 27/7.
12743	To approve and adopt the minutes of Full council meeting on 24th June 2019 <u>It was resolved to accept the full council minutes of 24th June 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Mayor. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.</u>
12744	To adopt the minutes and recommendations of the standing committees a) Planning Committee meeting minutes of 17th June 2019 & 8th July 2019 The chair of the committee commented that no one had attended the meetings. Comments were made by several councillors on the application for Brodricklands and some had met on site with the developer. The chair asked that those councillors could possibly attend the planning meetings related to those applications in order to give the committee an update on the situation. A brief discussion on the application took place. <u>It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting of 17th June 2019 and 8th July 2019 with the amendments. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.</u> b) Finance & Policy Committee minutes of 12th July 2019 <u>It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting of 12th July 2019 with the amendments. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.</u>
12745	Buildings & Land working group notes/minutes These were noted by all present.
12746	Representative of outside bodies

	a) WDALC These were noted by all present in particular the crematorium at Horam; the new waste contract in Wealden (Biffa) and the climate change information. Council spoke regarding vandalism and asked the clerk to invite Inspector Jon Ross to meet with the council in September.
12747	Financial Update Councillors commented on the redacted items due to GDPR. a) Approval of payments as presented <u>It was resolved to approve the accounts to the value of £4838.28 VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.</u> b) Barclaycard Statements – already authorised (delegated) for noting Noted c) Bank reconciliations, income and expenditure accounts, trials balances, ear marked reserves, journals. The chair of finance pointed out some financial matters. (subscriptions code 4045) Noted. d) Donations made from the Shepham Community Benefit Fund Noted by all present.
12748	Request to add Cllr C Berry to the Planning Committee <u>It was resolved to add Cllr Mrs c berry to the Planning committee VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.</u>
12749	To consider submission of a corporate response to the ESCC Parking charges <u>The Town Council discussed the proposed changes and resolved to make the following comments:</u> <u>• It disagrees that the increased parking charges will change driver behaviour re on street review dates 17th June 2019 point 3.11.</u> <u>• It was noted that the parking tariffs will be reviewed each year, by reviewed this was read to mean that it will be increased.</u> <u>• Regarding the surplus income Item 4, Council believe it would be a good idea if All surplus income was contributed to improving transport, so that people could feel more confident and inclined to utilise local buses. The council hoped that surplus money paid by drivers is not taken away to ease budget deficits in other areas.</u> <u>• Council questioned that on 9th Feb 2016, Council (ESCC) agreed to continue drivers' payments totally £630,000 towards supporting the bus network and concessionary fares and wondered if this had happened? Also was any money contributed in 2017?</u> <u>• The council commented that it is very helpful to have live bus information at bus stops. In Edinburgh, passengers have either correct change or use a contactless card to pay for fares on entry. This reduces delay by the drivers having to give change. In addition, one can buy weekly passes etc. buses also drop off and pick up passengers at the allocated stop, so if there is already a bus there, the second bus will wait until the first has left. This is a safer practice for elderly and disabled.</u> <u>• Council felt that if the public could see meaningful improvements in public services, they would feel more confident in relying on the bus and not the car. The proposed increase of just under 100% is very high, especially if more is to follow.</u>

- Council also suggest that all health workers, whether it be carers, nurses or doctors who visit people in their homes or take them to see a GP should not be taken advantage of by being immorally charged. They should be able to park and not pay. Parking should have similar rules as per blue badge holders when visiting or escorting the ill and those in need.
- Council also suggest that there be a “shoppers” permit which could be bought annually for say £50 for 2 hours per day stay. This works in other areas of the country.
- If ESCC do get the revenue, then perhaps if it is not ploughed back into transport, then it should be put into the fund to improve the potholes and road repairs.
- Council also commented that the new bus stops in Eastbourne should be moved closer to the town centre, as those who are elderly and have heavy bags have commented that they don’t visit town as it is too far to walk to the bus stops and the train station.
- Council also had another suggestion where like London and larger towns, a pass be introduced for bus AND train travels so that people could travel by either. This used to be run in Eastbourne. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.

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Wealden Planning consultation regarding BT telephone box decommission consultation

a) To respond to the consultation (see background papers)

It was resolved to respond to the Wealden consultation as follows:

Telephone Number	Decision	Comments/Reasons
01323 482118	ADOPT Adopting as defibrillator box	Polegate Defib group willing to support and install and maintain defibrillator. Contact details 01323 488114 Jo Ognjanovic Town Clerk via admin@polegatetowncouncil.gov.uk
01323 482430	ADOPT Adopting as defibrillator box	Polegate Defib group willing to support and install and maintain defibrillator. Contact details 01323 488114 Jo Ognjanovic Town Clerk via admin@polegatetowncouncil.gov.uk
01323 482591	AGREE Not to save	Polegate Defib NOT group willing to support and install and maintain defibrillator as hidden by van and others close by.

b) To consider adopting the red telephone box in Brightling Road on behalf of Polegate defibrillator group as per their request (see correspondence and background papers)

A discussion took place on the merits of the defibrillators and locations as explained by the defib group and background papers.

A motion was put to adopt all three boxes (contrary to the wishes of the Polegate defib group). The motion was seconded.

A motion was put to adopt the two boxes requested by the Polegate Defibrillator group. The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken on the motion to adopt the two boxes only as requested by

	Polegate defibrillator Group. <u>It was resolved to adopt the telephone boxes in Brightling Road and Dittons Road as requested by the Polegate defibrillator group on their behalf and to pay the solicitors fees expected to be circa. £500 +VAT from general reserves as per background papers. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, D Murray, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, A Wood, D Dunbar, D Sanders, Mrs W Alexander, M Falkner, D Shing, S Shing.</u>
12751	Dates of the next scheduled meetings 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 9.02pm

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____ Date _____