

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 30th March 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 (10)**

Not Present: Cllrs M Pybus **MPy**, Mrs C Berry **CB** G Gibbs MBE **GG**, E Board **EB, (4)**

11 members of the public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution	Action
11288	Apologies for absence Cllrs E Board (work), Mrs C Berry (illness), G Gibbs MBE (personal)	
11289	Declarations of interest Cllr M Clewett minute 11298 one item prejudicial Cllr M Cunningham minute 11298 non prejudicial Cllr J Harmer minute 11928 non prejudicial	
11290	Opportunity for public comment A resident spoke regarding the potential grant for the signal box and spoke against the proposal (copy of comment attached as addendum) A resident spoke regarding the potential grant for the signal box commenting on the doubt of whether the project would go ahead, the previous grant and the lack of fund raising carried out by the group; the potential risks involved in the project and the lack of a years audited accounts in support of the application.	
11291	Minutes of the Full Council meeting of 23rd February 2015 It was resolved to sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 23rd February 2015 as a true record of the meetings. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett , Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing	
11292	Adoption of minutes and recommendations of a) Planning Committee 23rd February 2015 b) Finance & Policy Committee 23rd February 2015 c) Finance & Policy Committee 13th March 2015 It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the above committee meetings. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett , Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing	
11293	Mayor's Report The Mayor informed the council that the major event was the Annual Town Assembly held on March 2nd at the Free Church Hall in Victoria Road. We had the normal number of the public, about 25, and there were only a few questions which are detailed in the minutes. Norman Baker attended and answered some points raised by residents. It was a very short meeting I attended the Standards Committee meeting on March 9th. This was a general resume of the past six months work and no significant complaints have been received. There are two on-going matters nearing resolution.	

	On March 18th I attended a meeting held in Alfriston by Chestnut Tree House Hospice. Although based in West Sussex they are increasingly dealing with afflicted families in East Sussex and have several cases in the Wealden district. They rely entirely on fund raising and receive only a small annual grant from government, £250,000 towards their yearly running costs of about £3 million pounds. They wish to extend the number of beds at there present location. Most of the other local mayors and parish chairmen were there along with other councillors and senior council officers. I had a balance of approximately £300 in the Mayors fund. The proceeds of the Dickensian Day having gone to Polegate's own Children with Cancer Charity, I have divided the balance between Chestnut Tree House, St Wilfred's Hospice and the new venture in Polegate, "You Raise Me Up", whose premises I visited unofficially on March 21st.	
11294	Clerks Report Noted by all present	
11295	Financial Update a) It was resolved to approve payments as submitted to the sum of £23742.27 b) Bank Reconciliation and accounts <u>It was agreed to accept the reconciliation and accounts as presented.</u> c) Asset register Changes <u>It was agreed to accept the changes as presented</u> d) Approval of Barclaycard Statements and Payments <u>It was agreed to accept the changes as presented</u> It was resolved to approve the above items en bloc VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett , Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing	
11296	Broken Dog Bin at Bay Tree Lane/Sayerland Lane The council discussed whether the area should continue with a dog bin. Some councillors supported removing the bin, others to keep the bin but at the lower cost for purchase and installation. A councillor asked if the bins were the Town Councils assets, the clerk informed the council that they were not. The council has a contract for the bins to be emptied and the contract has changed with Kier since the changeover from Wealden. The bins used to be emptied and repaired by Wealden and now Kier have introduced a charge as per the background papers. It was resolved that the council would purchase its own bin and install it at the lower costs of around £250 plus installation costs to be funded form the general maintenance budget. VOTE 9 for (Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Shing, D Broadbent 1 against J Harmer)	
11297	P.A System The council discussed the use of the PA system and the repairs required. It was resolved not to replace the PA System. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett , Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M	

	Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing	
11298	Grants Motions for grants for Wealden Citizens Advice Bureau, Polegate Signal Box Preservation Society, Cuckmere Buses and PADMEC were submitted. Cllr M Clewett left the room 8.00 Cllr J Harmer left the room 8.00 Cllr Mrs M Piper chaired the agenda item. Cllr M Cunningham left the room whilst the signal box was being discussed. (8.05pm) and was called back once the discussion was complete (8.10) He left at 8.15 when PADMEC was being discussed and returned at 8.20. Cllr M Clewett and J Harmer returned to the room (8.10) Council discussed the merits of each and the sums involved. It was agreed that Cuckmere buses should be awarded a grant of £550. It was agreed that PADMEC would be awarded a grant of £500 in addition to the previous grant. There were a number of concerns about the future of the signal box and that a large grant had already been awarded. It was agreed that a grant would not be given, but this would not preclude the society from reapplying in the new financial year. It was agreed to defer the decision pending the outcome of the handover to the group. It was agreed that Wealden Citizens advice did provide a good service for people who lived in Polegate even though there was not an outreach in the area. It was also discussed how the way people contacted the bureau was changing and the merits of supporting the bureau for calls and emails to the bureau. It was agreed that despite the restrictions in the policy that this service merited a grant. It was resolved to award the following grants from the remaining budget of £2050: PADMEC £500 VOTE All in favour (present) Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Shing, D Broadbent, J Harmer) (– Cllr M Cunningham not present) <u>Cuckmere Buses £550</u> VOTE All in favour (present) Cllrs Mrs M Piper, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Shing, J Harmer, D Broadbent, M Clewett (10) <u>Wealden Citizens Advice Bureau £1000</u> VOTE 7 for Cllrs Mrs M Piper, M Cunningham, T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Shing, D Broadbent 1 abstention H Parker (Cllrs J Harmer, M Clewett not present) It was resolved to defer the decision regarding the signal box to another time pending more information regarding the status of the signal box VOTE All in favour (present) Cllr Mrs M Piper, T Voyce, J Voyce, J Harmer, S Shing, D Shing, D Broadbent, H Parker.	
11299	Mayor & Deputy Mayor to sign the indemnity for the age gym funding It was resolved that the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor would sign the indemnity regarding the age gym funding when it arrived. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett , Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing	
11300	Dissolution of the deed of dedication committee	

	It was resolved that following the conclusion of business for the deed of dedication committee the committee would now be dissolved. VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett , Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing	
11301	Proposed dates of next cycle of meetings Full Council 27 th April 2015 Annual Statutory Meeting 18 th May 2015 Full Council 29 th June 2015 Full Council 27 th July 2015 No meetings in August Full Council 28 th September 2015 (provisional) Full Council 26 th October 2015 (Provisional) Additional budget meetings to be announced Planning; Personnel; Finance November 2015 Full Council 30 th November 2015 (Provisional) Full Council 14 th December 2015 (Provisional)	
11302	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 The public left the chambers	
11303	Staff matters – Sick pay It was resolved to add the provision of two weeks sick pay (full pay) to all current staff VOTE All in favour Cllrs M Clewett , Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, M Cunningham, T Voyce, H Parker, Mrs J Voyce, S Shing, D Broadbent, D Shing	
11304	Land Matters - withdrawn	

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm