

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 6th April 2009 in the Council Chambers, Council Office, 49 High Street Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S Barber (Mayor), Mrs C Berry, G. Carter,
M. Cunningham, J. Harmer, R. Martin (8515 – 8522 only), T Wright,
J Rogers, Mrs M. Piper, Mrs J Voyce, T Voyce, A Watkins.

3 members of the public
1 member of the press

8515 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Joy, Mrs Bigsby and Cllr Shing

8516 Declarations of interest

None

8517 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th March 2009

The minutes were approved as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

8518 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th February 2009

Cllr Cunningham reported that he had attended the Transport Seminar and it had been very informative.

A letter had been received from Norman Baker MP. He stated that he would be happy in pursuing the matter of the noise bund slip with the Highways Agency. He also requested an update on Polegate Town Councils position on finding alternative sites for the medical centre. An email reply had been sent informing him of Council's current position.

Cllr Berry stated that item 8480 should be regarding Dittons Road and not Hailsham Road.

8519 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8520 Opportunity for Public Comment

None of the public present wished to speak

8521 PCSO Report

No report had been received

8522 District/County Councillors' Reports

A written report from Cllrs Broadbent and Martin had been circulated.

Cllr Mrs Voyce asked for clarification on the local governance review which Cllr Broadbent had reported on. Only the Polegate warding arrangements would be reviewed this time.

Cllr Mrs Piper expressed how pleased she was in the outcome of the South Downs being given National Park status and thanked everyone for their help and support.

8523 Adoption of minutes from Standing Committees

Cllr Mrs Berry asked if there was any feedback on item 8502 on the General Purposes in regard to Polegate School. Cllr Rogers said that this was ongoing.

Cllr Rogers enquired about item 8498 in relation to repairs to the roof at the Council offices and replacement doors and frames at Wannock Road Pavilion. This had been added to the Handyman's list for completion.

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the following committees:-

General Purposes – 17th March 2009

Planning – 25th March 2009

8524 Update from Working Groups

The Council noted the reports from the following Working Groups

Master plan working group – 17th March 2009

LDF – 25th March 2009

8525 Standing Orders Review

A discussion took place and it was agreed that members would accept the changes and in accordance with Standing Order 27 an agenda item would be added to full council agendas.

8526 Financial Report

a) Approval of accounts for payment

Council considered the schedules of Accounts for Payment and the accounts for payment were approved.

b) Monthly financial update

This had been not produced due to the fact we are approaching financial year end.

8527 Town Clerk's Report including Health & Safety Report

The Clerk reported that we had received the following:-

Corporate Plan from WDC

Wealden View

Ramblers Newsletter.

The Clerk reported that the Model Engineering Club had indicated that they would be looking at moving in the near future but had renewed their contract for 2009-2010.

8528 Correspondence noted

The Clerk informed the Council that she was in receipt of the Charities Commission Documentation regarding the registration of Wannock Road Recreation Ground.

This was due to members of the public approaching the Charities Commission. It was agreed that legal advice on the registration would be sought.

8529 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor had attended the Congress Theatre for the Schools Children's Concert which was most enjoyable. The Mayor had also attended the Easter Egg Hunt at Polegate School.

8530 Date of the next cycle of meetings

Planning 15th April 2009 6.30

General Purposes 15th April 7.30

LDF Working Group 6 May 6.30

Finance 6th May 7.30

Full Council 11th May 7.30

Annual Town Meeting 7.30 United Reform Church Hall

8531 Resolution to take business into confidential session

It was resolved that due to the confidential nature of the next business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the rest of the meeting.