

UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 7pm at Council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL.

Present: Cllrs D Dunbar, S Shing, M Piper, A O’Kane, M Cunningham, D Shing, J Heward, C Berry, A Wood, D Murray, J Keen (11)

Not Present: - Cllrs W Alexander, D Watts, N Dunbar, W Heasman-O’Neill, (4)

1 member of public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution
13693	Opportunity for public comment for items on the agenda None
13694	Apologies for absence Cllrs W Alexander (illness), N Dunbar, D Watts no other apologies were received
13695	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None (dispensation re budget)
13696	To adopt and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting 25th November 2024 <u>It was resolved to adopt and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 25th November 2025 VOTE All in favour</u>
13697	Minutes of standing committees a. Planning Committee 29th November 2024 <u>It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the planning committee meeting 29th November 2024 VOTE All in favour</u>
13698	Financials a. <u>Motion to write off broken (unrepairable) shredder – asset register value £600 (over 16 years old)</u> A discussion on asset register values took place and how a new column showing HMRC depreciation could be included. <u>It was resolved to write off broken (unrepairable) shredder – asset register value £600 (over 16 years old) VOTE All in favour</u>
13699	To set the budget and precept 2025/26 Paper had been circulated prior to the meeting and had been approved by finance in November. The new tax base was now through, and it hasn’t significantly changed the final figures. The cost centres were looked at and discussed and some figures queried. Heading Council tax referred to Non-Domestic Rates. The water Regs increase for essential works on Cophall allotment. The moving of the mobile seed camera quarterly. The streetlights energy increase, which was expected to decrease around August 2026. The two wreaths for remembrance and the Dieppe Raid event. The Mayors tea Party and the increase to cover costs. The Increase in employers national Insurance. Although the percentage was not reflective of the change which amounted to 30 pence per week. The clerk was asked to prepare a press release for the website and social media to detail how a huge portion of the town paid no council tax or a reduced rate due to the demographic. A councillor asked if this could be offset by general reserves, but this had already been agreed not to by finance and was not recommended as it would deplete reserves required by audit. <u>It was resolved to set the budget at £514,937 which amounted to £158.50 per year on a band D and an increase of 30 pence per week. VOTE 10 for 1 against Cllr J Keen.</u>
13700	Dates for next meetings Full Council meeting 27th January 2025 Full Council meeting 24th February 2025 Full Council meeting 31st March 2025 The dates of the meetings were noted by all present and that the 27 th January meeting may not take place if there was not enough business.

The meeting closed at 7:46pm

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____ Date _____