

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 9th March 2009 in the Council Chambers, Council Office, 49 High Street Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S Barber (Mayor), Mrs C Berry, Mrs J Bigsby, G. Carter, M. Cunningham, J. Harmer (8481 -8492 only) Mrs D. Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, S. Shing, Mrs J Voyce, T Voyce, A Watkins.

17 members of the public
PCSOs Jamie Harwood, Alison Beaden
1 member of the press

8474 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Rogers and Wright

8475 Declarations of interest

Cllr Harmer – 51 High Street – personal and non-prejudicial

8476 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th February 2009

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

8477 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th February 2009

None

8478 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

8479 Opportunity for Public Comment

3 members of the public took the opportunity to object to the proposals for a medical centre at the Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground, Mr P Woolmer represented the residents on KORG I (Keep our recreation ground intact). Mr Northcott a resident of Wannock Road and Mr M Garnett representing Polegate and Stone Cross Cricket Club who are also a member of KORG I. They spoke on the need to keep the recreation ground for recreational use and that Apollo had mislead members with their measurements over the Ground. They urged Council to work in conjunction with others to find a solution and a site for a new doctors' surgery in Polegate. A suggestion was to set up a working party to this end. Mr Northcott reminded members that the Annual Town meeting was for residents to have input into the agenda etc.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8480 PCSO Report

The report for February was noted – Cllr Mrs Berry questioned the speed checks along Hailsham Road – none were shown in the report – PCSO Jamie Harwood said that these were no longer permitted and that part of the report should have been removed.

8481 Response from Apollo on other sites within Polegate for the proposed Medical Centre

Stuart Clark had responded with regard to the Council Offices site and the progress of the viability of this site. Members discussed the merits/faults with the Council Offices being used as a doctors' surgery and the impact this would have on the Council and its work.

It was resolved to not enter into further discussions with Apollo until all other possible sites in Polegate had been extensively examined and the reasons for those sites not being viable explained

Cllr Martin then proposed

No breaking of the covenant on the War Memorial Recreation Ground and no buildings to be erected at the War Memorial Recreation Ground except for those for recreational use from this date.

Seconded Cllr Watkins

The vote for this motion was 6 in favour 5 abstentions

The motion was therefore carried.

The Clerk will inform Apollo of these resolutions.

The Mayor with members' agreement suspended standing orders to allow a further comment from Mr Woolmer

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Mr Woolmer informed Council that he had seen plans for extensions to the Manor Park Surgery – these had been drawn up some three years ago.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8481 Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle

The following members agreed to join a working party to start to consider the Local Development Framework and its impact on Polegate:-

Cllrs Carter, Martin, Mrs Piper, Shing, Watkins and Voyce. Meetings will be held on Mondays at 5.30p.m.

8482 Motion by Cllr Watkins seconded by Cllr Mrs Berry

"Council agrees to replace the memorial plaque which is missing at the Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground which Commemorates the men of Polegate who were killed in the First World War"

This motion was carried 10 in favour, 1 abstention. This will be referred to General Purposes Committee for further discussion and implementation.

8483 Annual Town Meeting 18th May 2009

It was agreed that the meeting should follow the same format as last year each Councillors taking a 'topic heading'. Cllr Voyce urged all members to attend and join in the discussions.

8484 District/County Councillors' Reports

A written report from Cllrs Broadbent and Martin had been circulated

8485 Adoption of minutes from Standing Committees

General Purposes – Cllr Mrs Berry questioned Cllr Voyce as to why the road at Brightling Road had to be referred back to the Committee if he felt that not enough estimates had been obtained but he was prepared to accept only two estimates on the pavilion roof. Cllr Voyce explained that it was not just the estimates which he felt was the problem but that not enough information had been received on the whole subject of this road and he wanted it reconsidered. This had been agreed. The roof was done by the Clerk under delegated powers and opinions only had been requested from both Cllr Harmer and Voyce.

Cllr Martin then proposed that all works had to obtain 3 estimates – the Clerk said that this was against the existing Financial Regulations which had been fully reviewed at General Purposes – Cllr Martin then withdrew his motion.

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

General Purposes – 17th February 2009

Planning – 25th February 2009

Finance – 25th February 2009

Personnel – 10th February 2009, 2nd March 2009 (adopted under confidential)

8486 Standing Orders Review

The amendments as agreed would stand without discussion until the meeting on 6th April 2009.

8487 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 was noted by members.

8488 Town Clerk's Report including Health & Safety Report

The Clerk reported that Wealden CAB was opening in rotation at Hailsham, Uckfield and Crowborough on Saturday mornings

She would be attending a new group at Wealden for a Parish Community Facility Audit on Thursday afternoon in Hailsham

8489 Correspondence noted

SALC – Bulletin February 2009

Eastbourne Borough Council – Statement of Community Involvement

ESCC – Bus services consultation further information

CCTV Open Day 15th May 2009 at Brighton Police Station – Cllrs Harmer, Mrs Bigsby and Mrs Voyce wish to attend

ESCC – Transport Seminar – Cllr Cunningham wishes to attend

8490 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor had nothing to report

8491 Date of the next cycle of meetings

Master plan Group – 17th March 2009 at 6.30p.m.

General Purposes – 17th March 2009 at 7.30p.m.

Full Council – 6th April 2009 at 7.30p.m.

8492 Resolution to take business into confidential session

Cllr Martin asked before the resolution is taken are members sure that there is nothing that could be discussed in 'open' session. The Clerk confirmed that As the matters to be discussed were personnel and commercial interest they should be discussed in 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.