

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 15th March 2010 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs J Harmer (Chair), J. Bigsby, M. Piper, G. Carter, T. Wright, J. Rogers, M. Cunningham.

No members of the public present

9068 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from the following –
Cllrs T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce and S Shing – work commitments
Cllr A Watkins – Attending another Council Meeting
Cllrs Mrs C Berry, Mrs D Joy and R Martin – Personal

9069 Declarations of interest

9073a Cricket Club – personal & non prejudicial – Cllr J. Rogers, Cllr J. Harmer
9073d CCTV at Wannock Road – personal & non prejudicial – Cllr J. Harmer
9080 Confidential Item – Cllr J. Harmer

9070 Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

9071 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2010.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

9072 Allotments

a) Letter regarding the extension of allotment plot

It was resolved that Mr Burgess of Plot 13 at Cophall may extend his plot to the boundary laid out, ensuring that a 1 metre walkway is maintained at the bottom of the plot at all times.

b) Extra Plots

It was resolved that in view of the demand for allotments the order of the allocation of plots will be amended so that Polegate residents will have always have priority over non Polegate residents. New plots will be allocated as a maximum of 5 rod plots and those that already hold plots will only be allowed to increase their holding to a maximum of 10 rods and then no further applications to increase their holding will be accepted. Existing allotment holders can retain their full size plots on condition that they maintain them in good condition at all times.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Mr Rickard informing him of the outcome.

It was resolved that in view of the age of the pipe work the Council considers it ill advisable to raise the water tank in the middle section.

It was resolved that an online land registry search would be carried out on the land at Poly Arch (old allotments gardens) to find out who the current owners are and report back to Council when details have been obtained.

a) Polegate & Stone Cross Cricket Club

A letter had been received from Polegate and Stone Cross Cricket Club. A lengthy discussion took place in regard to a new agreement being drawn up for 2010 season.

It was resolved that an agreement would be drawn up for the for Polegate and Stone Cross Cricket Club for the hiring of the Pavilion and the cricket pitch for the season of 2010 for one year. A clause would state that if the Town and Village Green application was successful the agreement would be terminated.

b) Bin at Skate Park

It was resolved that a new Athena bin be purchased. The town clerk/admin asst will arrange this.

b) Crazy Duck at Oakleaf

The Clerk stated that this had to be removed as well as the four seater at Oakleaf Park. The Insurance Company had made their inspection recently and the office was waiting for the report, but it had been reported by the Inspector that work would be needed.

It was resolved that the Clerk would read the report from the Insurance Company and collate quotes for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

c) CCTV at Wannock Road

It was resolved that the buildings working group would compile a specification by the next General Purposes meeting (12th April 2010) where it would be discussed and then the Office would tender for replacement of the CCTV at Wannock road. In the meantime the CCTV engineer would be contacted to see if suitable repairs could be carried out to the existing system as soon as possible to ensure viewing of the footage is possible.

9074 Town Map

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the copying of the map which is proving to be incredibly difficult. The Council's Maintenance Person had agreed to build the casing for the map to be displayed in the Town.

It was resolved that the Town Clerk would arrange printing and the casing for the town map within the budget and would get this agreed by Cllr J. Harmer once further quotes had been received.

9075 Street Lighting

a) Quote for new street lighting column

A quote had been received from ESCC regarding the damaged light column Brookside Avenue.

It was resolved to accept the quote from ESCC and they be instructed to carry out the works as soon as possible.

9076 Benches, Dog bins, Planters, Notice Boards & Bus shelters

Benches were discussed and will be maintained by the new maintenance man when time allows. The new bench will be repaired and situated at the end of black path as soon as possible.

The maps were discussed and Cllrs were satisfied with the details, any new ones would be added by the admin assistant and it was requested that a heading be put on the top of each map.

The notice board at stud farm was discussed as it is being refurbished by the new maintenance man and will be replaced as soon as completed.

The bin outside of Downlands Medical centre, which had been damaged has now been removed and will be replaced in the future.

The signs to be placed on the new play park were looked at and discussed councillors were happy with the details.

It was resolved that the signs for Brightling Road and Wannock Road be purchased and 3 extra signs "Wilful Damage" be purchased as well for all 3 Recreation Areas.

9077 Christmas Lights – The Harvester

The lights were discussed regarding the pruning of the tree and possible replacement costs. This will be deferred until Full Council for full discussion.

9078 Correspondence

a) Children with Cancer Fund

The stone was discussed and it was discussed whether to take this to Finance to check about the possibility of providing a grant/donation. It was also discussed that CWCF would be getting prices for installation and professionals would need to move the stone because of its size. Cllrs discussed the location on the privately owned land and that planning permission would be required from Wealden District Council for the stone.

b) Stoolball Matches

A letter had been received by the office regarding the use of the Pavilion and the ground for Stoolball. This was discussed.

It was resolved that the Council would be in agreement with this. An agreement would be drawn up by the office.

c) South and South East in Bloom Competition

A letter had been received regarding the Competition.

It was resolved that due to time constraints and some local factors the council would not want to get involved in this competition this year.

9079 Resolution to take business into confidential

It was resolved to take business into confidential.