

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs J Harmer (Chair), M Cunningham, G Carter, S Barber
Mrs M Piper, Mrs J Bigsby, Mrs C Berry Mrs D Joy, R Martin and A Watkins.

8850 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs T Voyce, Mrs J Voyce

8851 Declarations of interest

None

8852 Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

8853 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2009.

Agenda Item 8799 b) should read – Plaque – A considerable discussion took Place regarding the granite that KORG I had offered the council, the location and The wording on the plaque. There was a discussion on price of the plaque but No vote was taken.

This was agreed and the minutes of 23rd September 2009 were signed.

8854 Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground

- a) Memorial – update – The plinth has now been set and the plaque has Been ordered. There is a dedication ceremony on 11th November at 10.40am with the observance of 2 minutes silence at 11am.
Once the work has been finalised the specification will have to be given To the Council Office and this will be held on file for future reference.

It was resolved that KORG I should be asked for the specification of the memorial, once completed, so that it can be kept on file. The Councils Insurance Company would also be contacted so that the memorial could be added to the policy.

- b) Play park- update and new sign – This has now all been agreed and will be underway soon. Notes from the office had been circulated and noted regarding signage for the play area.

It was resolved that the office would be gaining more quotes for a new sign to be placed at the site of the play are at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground.

- c) Fence – A quote was circulated and noted and this was found to be very expensive. A verbal quote had been gained for the replacement part of the fence.

It was resolved that as the fence at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground was not a health and safety issue then it would remain as it was for the time being.

8855 Oakleaf Play Park, Brightling Road Pleasure Ground

- a) Replacement basket in bin – A quote had been circulated and noted
And this was found to be very expensive with the carriage charge.

It was resolved that a bin liner would be used and tied securely. This would be trialled, if not then further quotes would have to be sought for the replacement basket.

- b) William Daly Gates – the sign that states “no golf, no motorbikes” has Deteriorated, and no longer is fit for purpose.

It was resolved that a new sign would be sought and the wording would be agreed by Cllr J Harmer and the Clerk and quotes would be gained for the General Purposes Committee to agree.

- c) Tree Inspection – The Annual tree survey has now been received and in Brief it states that no trees need any attention at this time. It does state Tree planting should be considered in areas where trees have been Removed to restore the woodland belt and provide an uneven age range To replace older trees as they decay.
Wealden District Council have been invited by the BBC to take part in its Tree 'o'Clock World Record attempt to plant over one million trees In England, all between 11am and 12noon on Saturday December 5th. The BBC is offering Wealden grant funding to cover the cost of Purchasing 200 trees which would have to be planted within the Wealden District Boundary. Polegate have asked for 20 trees and they will be Planted in the meadow to fulfil the information from the tree survey.

It was resolved that, in conjunction with the Tree Warden Polegate Town Council would take part in this World Record attempt on Saturday December 5th. The ground would be prepared in advance for the event.

- d) Skate park Gate/Sign Maintenance – The office has now been given Written advice from the Play Safety Advisor (Child Accident Prevention Trust) on the gate entrance to the Skate Park.

It was resolved that the gate at the entrance to the skate park would be removed.

The post at the entrance to the skate park had been lifted. This has now Been securely fixed.

- e) Bin for Skate Park – There is no bin inside the skate park. The Councils litter picker spends a lot of time trying to keep this area clean and tidy.
A quote was circulated and noted but this was found to be too expensive.

It was resolved that by 8 votes for and 2 against that a bin is required within the perimeter of the skate park and more quotes should be sought.

8856 Town Map

Information had been circulated prior to the meeting stating that the property Agents do not have any objection in principle to the erection of the Town Map On their property. They do have a problem with the amount of litter and they Are dealing with the situation. The Clerk reported that she has spoken to WDC

To gain information on if the Council required planning permission and this Would have to be discussed when the casings had been decided upon.

It was resolved that the original map would be placed in a frame and placed on the Council Chamber wall. A picture would be sent to the property agents together with a plan showing the proposed position and height of the structure.

8857 Allotments

The Committee expressed their thanks to Mrs J Ognjanovic for all her hard work Regarding the allotments.

Information had been circulated and noted regarding the renewal of allotments And new lettings. The skip had been delivered on Monday 19th October and the Clerk had been informed that it was now full. A discussion took place a replacement as not all allotment holders had a chance to clear their sites.

It was resolved that another skip would be ordered by the Clerk to remain at the Cophall site until Monday 26th October.

8858 Christmas Lights

The notes from the working group were circulated at the meeting. There would be a competition for the best dressed shop and the best dressed house. The winners would receive a cup each and there would be certificates for 2nd and 3rd.

It was resolved that the Best Dressed Competition for house and shop would go ahead. The presentations would take place after Christmas with all the winners and runners up invited and with an invitation to the traders in the High Street.

8859 Correspondence

- a) Website – The office has been given several requests for links to local Charities to be placed on our website.

It was resolved that this could be done but there must be a disclaimer put on our website and also the charity must be local.

We have also been asked to display posters advertising local events And to place them on our website.

It was resolved that only local websites would be published on our website.

- b) Polegate Football Club – The list of items that was agreed with the Polegate Football Club had now been received with all their updates. This Had been circulated and noted by members of the committee.
c) CCTV Wannock Offices – Some of the equipment has gone missing. The PCT have now moved out of the offices and they have agreed to pay for The missing equipment.

It was resolved that the Clerk would order the equipment for the CCTV at Wannock Offices and invoice the PCT when received.

- d) Decorations at the Wannock Offices – These have now been completed.
e) Periodic Electrical Inspections – The Periodic Inspection had been done for 51 High Street. The invoice had been discussed by the Members.

It was resolved that the invoice would stand and the work that had been carried out would not be questioned.

This work has now got to be carried out on 49 High Street and the Pavilion and the garage. The Wannock Offices had been completed in March 2007 and a copy of the certificate would be sent to the Council by The PCT.

It was resolved that the Clerk would gain 3 quotes from Electrical Engineers for the two premises.

8860 Date of next meeting

18th November 2009 at 7.30pm. This would be a budget meeting and no other Business would be discussed.

8861 Resolution to take business into confidential Session