

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Special Full Council meeting held on Monday 8th October 2012
in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street Polegate at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs J Harmer **JH** (Chair), G Gibbs MBE **GG**, H Parker **HP**, Mrs M Piper **MP**, Mrs C Berry **CB**, D Broadbent **DB**, E Board **EB**, M Clewett **MCI**, S Shing **SS** (9)

Not Present: M Cunningham **MC**, T Voyce **TV**, D Shing **DS**, Mrs J Voyce **JV**, M Pybus **MP**, J O'Riordan **JOR**, (6)

8 members of the public

Prior to the meeting a small talk was given regarding the First responders in Polegate by a representative.

S Shing arrived at 7.55pm

The meeting started at 7.40pm

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution	Action
10384	Apologies for absence Cllrs M Cunningham (bereavement), D Shing (work), T Voyce (illness), Mrs J Voyce (bereavement), M Pybus (holiday), J O'Riordan (personal) S Shing stated that he would be arriving later.	-
10385	Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda None	
10386	Opportunity for Public comment Standing orders suspended Four members of the public wished to speak on the consultation for the Station Road yellow line extensions. Their comments included: • Concerns that extension of the lines would increase the speed of traffic and increase the danger already being posed by the pedestrian refuge island. • Dangerous situations were already presenting themselves when backing into their properties, car drivers behind being impatient, abusive and frequently going on the right hand side of the island. • Witnessing near misses with children crossing the road as the refuge was too small for a small child and bicycle. • The refuge is not big enough to accommodate a buggy or pram • A disabled resident stated that she had experienced a near miss when using her mobility scooter as the refuge was too small and not safe to use. • The residents felt that the pedestrian refuge island should be removed. • The residents felt the island at Dittons (Chaucer) should also be removed for safety reasons. • Many vehicles have been speeding along that section of road and when the works took place the police were called and 17 vehicles were stopped for speeding. A suggested slow 30mph sign to be installed. • The main culprits for speeding were the bus companies Standing orders reinstated	
10387	Proposed extension of yellow lines Station Road Polegate Further to the comments made by the residents in public comment the councillors made the following comments: • The crossing appears to be unusable and it would have	

	been better to have had alternative traffic calming measures. • The whole arrangement of the road appears to be incorrect • The two sets of refuges are in the wrong place and should be removed and the whole road reassessed with traffic calming and no parking, possibly with the installation of interactive traffic signs. • Buses are the ones who speed the most along that road • If the Cophall Roundabout was looked at this would improve the quantity of traffic which actually comes along those roads. The committee considered the proposal to extend the yellow lines at Station Road. Comments were also passed on decisions being made on roads and road safety, without consulting the town council. A motion was put to oppose the proposal to extend the yellow lines at Station Road. Objection to the proposal to remove the yellow lines on the grounds that the removal of the parking may cause more speeding. VOTE 7 for 2 abstentions (J Harmer, S Shing) It was agreed that the clerk would write a letter to Mr Hancock stating the objections and comments made by the residents and committee. The clerk stated that the public consultation would take place around the end October beginning of November. County Councillor Shing confirmed this was correct.	JO
10388	Motion to allow a petition for residents to object to the closure of HSBC, Polegate. Council discussed the limit of powers that they had as a council to alter a decision taken by a private company. A councillor commented that the closure of Halifax had affected many people but council had not facilitated a petition. It was resolved that if a member of the public came forward with a petition the council would allow it to be held in reception to be signed by the public. VOTE 7 for 2 abstentions S Shing, Mrs M Piper	
10389	Motion to grant the whole council a dispensation to discuss the budget and budget items for councillors allowances under s33 Localism Act 2011 – Dispensations from 31(4) Localism Act 2011 It was resolved to grant the whole council a dispensation to discuss the budget and budget items for councillors allowances under s33 Localism Act 2011 – Dispensations from 31(4) Localism Act 2011 VOTE All in favour	
10390	Motion to adopt the General Power of Competence having met the conditions: The number of members of the council that have been declared to be elected (a) whether at ordinary elections or at a by-election, is equal to or greater than two-thirds of the total	

	number of members of the council; The clerk to the parish council holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The clerk to the parish council has completed the relevant training, unless such training was required for the purposes of obtaining a qualification of a description mentioned in paragraph b. It was resolved to adopt the General Power of competence having been satisfied that the town council had met the conditions. VOTE All in favour	JO
10391	Local Government Pension Scheme Policy on discretions It was resolved to adopt the policy for Local Government Pensions Discretions. VOTE All in favour	JO

The meeting closed at 8.30pm