

ADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs T Voyce (chair), M Cunningham, G Carter, J O’Riordan, J Harmer, G Gibbs, E Board, R Martin, S Shing, Mrs M Piper, Mrs J Voyce, Mrs C Berry, M Pybus, M Clewett (14)

Not Present: Cllrs, D Shing, (1)
1 Member of the public

10018 Apologies for absence
D Shing (work)

10019 Declarations of interest
Cllrs Mrs J Voyce, J O’Riordan, R Martin, M Cunningham, Mrs C Berry, T Voyce, Mrs M Piper, T Voyce declared an interest in *minute 10028* (as members of the Diamond Jubilee Advisory Committee) G Carter, J Harmer, G Gibbs, E Board, M Pybus, S Shing declared interests as part of the council. Non prejudicial.

10020 Opportunity for public comment
None

10021 Minutes of Full Council Meeting 28th November 2011

It was resolved to adopt the minutes and the minutes were duly signed by the chair as accurate. VOTE All in favour

10022 Mayors Report
The Mayor thanked everyone who attended the Mayors tea party and gave their assistance including councillors and staff, and particular help to Roy who helped on the PA system.

10023 PCSO Report
The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted by all present.
Cllr S Shing arrived at 7.32 pm

10024 District / County Councillors reports
Cllr R Martins District report was circulated prior to the meeting and noted by all present. Cllr S Shing gave a verbal report on the LDF progress. 0% budget by District Council and county council. Cllr Martin commented that a few members of the waste staff had come to him concerned that they would lose their jobs over the merger taking place. Cllr Shing stated that it was expected that the staff would be absorbed into the new arrangements.

10025 Adoption of minutes & recommendations from committees and standing committees

i) Planning Committee Minutes 29th November 2011

The extension of time for the wind farm (for Highways Agency to consider the access on the main road) was briefly discussed and the extension of time for the Shepham Lane development, which was already moving forward with plans for the road layout.

It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the planning committee meeting of 29th November 2011. VOTE all in favour
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10026 Corporate response to inspector for Core Strategy LDF examination
A discussion took place on the wording. It was agreed to remove section c from the draft. It was agreed to amend the wording of d) to include, the junction at A22/A27 will need improving. The Folkington link road would not be deliverable until at least 2030 when it would be reviewed. The Town Council had not assessed the roads directly. The road from Cophall roundabout to the A22/A27 junction was unable to be widened or have a quality bus route. At peak times the roads were almost to capacity. The inspector had noted Cllr T Voyce down for speaking, but it was agreed that the clerk would speak if necessary and Cllr T Voyce and Cllr M Clewett would

consult with the clerk for any comments at the inquiry. A councillor asked if we should be noting that if we have no comment. The clerk and Cllr T Voyce stated that the inspector wanted additional responses only.

It was resolved that the clerk would make the amendments to the draft letter and send it off to the inspector with the copies by the deadline. VOTE All in favour.

It was resolved that the clerk, Cllr M Clewett & T Voyce would be delegated to speak at the hearing if required. VOTE all in favour

The clerk stated that at the present time it appeared from correspondence that the Town Council would only be allowed to respond to matters 8.

It was resolved that if it were possible to comment on the effect that would have on Polegate residents with regards to the road network and the "hindslands" area identified in the core strategy, that comment would be made. VOTE all in favour

10027

Bus stop Hailsham Road shelter move - consultation & decision by council

A discussion took place on the comments made in the letters received. Cllr Mrs Berry asked if we had replied to the comments made by those who wrote in, against the move. The clerk stated that replies had been sent addressing their concerns and the office had received no further queries. It was confirmed that the police had notified that there was no record of ANY anti-social behaviour in the area. In one of the letters the resident stated that she did not think that the neighbours had been consulted. Letters had been sent out and Cllr O'Riordan stated that the lady concerned had openly discussed the matter with other residents. Cllr O'Riordan stated that he had spoken to the other residents there and they had chosen not to make objections as they understood the suitability and need for the move of the shelter. Cllr Mrs Berry asked about the resident who stated the shelter will move from the side of her property to in front of her property. The clerk stated that a letter of reply had been sent but that if the moving was approved it was likely that the clerk would be in contact with the house owner(s) who would be directly involved regarding slight alterations to the highways approved positioning. Cllr Harmer stated that he knew the resident of 76 Hailsham Road and she was unhappy about the move and that a Perspex shelter would be preferable than moving the wooden one and he had originally been against the move. There were a number of supporting letters in favour of the move. The clerk stated that there was no budget for replacing this shelter and that there was potentially going to be a bench placed on the site where the shelter used to be, as someone had asked for this to be moved there.

It was resolved that following the consultation no further evidence had been given to change the decision to move the shelter. Therefore the bus shelter would still be moved following receipt of the licence from ESCC Highways authority. VOTE 12 for 1 against J Harmer 1 abstention S Shing

10028

Diamond Jubilee

a) DJCC (Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee) request to use chambers free of charge

It was resolved that the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee could use the chambers free of charge. VOTE all in favour

b) Request to use car park for event

It was resolved that the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee could use the car park for an event being held over the Diamond Jubilee celebration weekend. VOTE All in favour

c) Decision on £2000 budget administration for 2012/13

A councillor stated that he wished the money to be monitored and administered by the clerk as it was a large sum and many members present concurred with this. The Chair of the DJCC stated that if the council made the decision to delegate to the resident group DJCC he would ensure that it was always put in writing what the money was to be spent on so that the council were kept informed.

It was resolved that the clerk would be delegated to administer the £2000 Diamond Jubilee budget for 2012/13. VOTE All in favour S101(1);S111; S142; S145 LGA 1972

d) Decision on expenditure for Diamond Jubilee in 2011/12

It was resolved that the clerk would be delegated to administer spending on the Diamond Jubilee Committee from reserves during 2011/12 financial year up to the value of £2000 to be reclaimed from the budget 2012/13 set for Diamond Jubilee. VOTE all in favour S101(1);S111; S142; S145 LGA 1972

10029 Street Lighting Policy – WITHDRAWN

The clerk asked that councillors keep their copy of the policy (to save paper) until the second opinion and responses are received and a report prepared by the clerk.

It was resolved that the clerk would send a letter of thanks to Mr Northcott for his work on the policy as it stands. VOTE All in favour.

10030 Power of Well Being

A draft of the Statement of intent as to community involvement had been circulated prior to the meeting. An amendment was made to Willingdon Community School (typed as College) and churches (typed as church).

Cllr Shing wished everyone a happy Christmas and new year and left to attend a meeting elsewhere.

Cllr S Shing left the meeting at 8.23 pm

It was resolved to adopt the amended Statement of Intent as To Community Involvement. VOTE All in favour.

10031 Financial Update

a) Approval of accounts for payment (November)

It was resolved to approve the accounts totalling £2023.11 VOTE All in favour

b) Barclaycard statement

The statement had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and was noted by all present.

c) Bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation and associated accounts paperwork had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and noted by all present.

10032 Proposed dates of next cycle of meetings

It was agreed that a special meeting would be called in the new year to discuss restructuring of the council committees and meetings.

Finance & Policy 23rd January 2012

Full Council 30th January 2012

Environment & Leisure 13th February 2012

Full Council 27th February 2012

Finance & Policy 12th March 2012

Full Council 26th March 2012

10033 Committee to consider pursuant to Section 1(2) of the public Bodies Administration to Meetings Act 1960, whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

10034

Grass Cutting Tender

a) Resolution to send out tender documents to companies listed on confidential report

A discussion took place on the details in the tender documents. Some amendments were made.

It was resolved to amend the 3 months notice to 6 months VOTE 10 for 3 against Cllrs Mrs J Voyce, T Voyce, M Piper

It was resolved that the clerk would send the amended tender documents to the contactors listed. VOTE all in favour

The meeting closed at 8.55pm