

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 25th July 2016 Council Chambers, 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, Mrs W Alexander, D Shing (15)

Not Present: - (all present)

5 members of the public

Minute	Subject/Resolution
11803	Opportunity for public comment A member of public commented on parking, the hearing resource centre, the youth cricket club request. A copy is attached to these minutes. <i>D Shing arrived at 7.36pm</i>
11804	Apologies for absence None
11805	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None
11806	Mayors report – verbal The mayor commented that he had attended many functions including safety in action, Willingdon school fair and the July coffee morning. He commented that he had been to Battle Abbey for an event and both he and the Deputy Mayor had opened the outdoor gym in Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground. He also mentioned that he had been to PADMEC's event to open their railways extension and had been present to hand out cups to the winners of Stone Cross Royals football teams.
11807	Minutes of the full council meeting 27th June 2016 It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the full council meeting of 27th June 2016 VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander
11808	Minutes of the Special Full Council meeting of 18th July 2016 (if available) Approval was deferred as the minutes were not available.
11809	Adoption of minutes and recommendations of standing committees A vote was taken en bloc a) Finance & Policy Committee 10th June 2016 It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the finance & policy committee of 19th June 2016 b) Planning Committee 20th June 2016, 4th July 2016 A statement was made by the chair of the planning committee that despite all of the efforts of both residents and the council, Wealden District Council Planning Committee South approved the Greenleaf Gardens planning application. The district councillors stated that they were NOT happy with approving the application but had concerns about the consequences of not doing so. The consequences had been

set out by the two planning officers at the meeting. There were four abstentions and 1 vote against. There were major concerns that if the developer took this to appeal and won, the district council would lose control of the site and be forced to pay £1000s in appeal costs. A councillor stated that she had spoken to the local MP, but that as there was no neighbourhood plan in place there was less chance of an appeal to the secretary of state being successful. She urged the council to watch the webcast of 21st June 2016. (Wealden District Council)

A detailed discussion took place on the circumstances on why this had happened including the lack of 5-year land supply, housing numbers and no local plan in place.

It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Planning committee meetings of 20th June 2016 and 4th July 2016.

c) Personnel Committee 24th June 2016

It was resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the personnel committee meeting of 24th June 2016

en bloc

VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander

11810 Report from working groups

Cllr Mrs S Dobson arrived at 7.47pm

a) Parking working group

A report was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and was available for all to view. The working group chairman summarised the position of 14 months of intensive work by the council and explained that the police would not enforce parking as it was no longer a priority for the police and Wealden District Council still refused (despite much lobbying) to decriminalise parking within the District. He reiterated that he had been in contact with many different people including, the Secretary of State, the public, Ministry of Transport, Chief constables, Mayors of Wealden and chairman of some nearby parishes, councillors, the local MP, The Police & crime Commissioner for Sussex. He explained that it was a matter of a lack of enforcement. He stated that the problem was that Wealden District Council still refused to decriminalise parking. They had informed him that in 2013 they had looked at parking and decided not to decriminalise parking. He stated that many high street shops in Polegate were suffering due to the lack of enforcement of the parking in the town. The advice from the MP was that local councillors try to convince the District Council to decriminalise. He commented that both the Home secretary, MP and the Police & crime Commissioner has stated that they did not think the police should be enforcing parking, however, the councillor was concerned that meat that both the MP the home secretary and the police and crime commissioner do not uphold supporting the current

responsibility of the police. Other councillors were concerned that they were condoning this criminal act. As Rother were also likely to decriminalise, Wealden was likely to be the only District/Borough in the whole country which refused to do this.

NB This report is available to view on the website.

The clerk was asked to circulate the Wealden District Council "cost of parking" link to all councillors.

It was resolved that the clerk approach the other local parishes and towns who had been involved in the many discussions to sign a letter to Wealden requesting the District Council to look at decriminalisation of the parking again and once signed to send off to Wealden District Council. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander

b) Bins working group including response to Letter from Wealden District Council

The report with recommendations was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and available to all present.

It was resolved that the Council respond to the questions contained in section 2 of Wealden District Council's ('WDC') letter of 24 June 2016 with the following:

- a. The group sees a need for additional provision in the following locations –
 - i. 1 bin adjacent to the bus stop serving Wannock Recreation ground
 - ii. 1 bin in the vicinity of BUPA along Black Path
 - iii. 1 bin at the junction of Burnside and Black Path located on the verge by the layby
 - iv. 1 bin along the cuckoo trail running alongside Polegate Primary School
- b. The group suggests that where there are two bins – one for dog waste and the other for litter – that this can be reduced to 1 dual use bin.
 - i. Brightling Road recreation ground has 2 bins on the field. If these bins are both turned into dual use then one could be moved to serve the skate park area.
- c. The group could not suggest any bins that were surplus to requirements. It was mentioned that all the existing bins were sensibly placed.
- d. The group recommends that this approach is rejected. It is the opinion of the group that bins need to be "taken to people". Experience has shown that littering increases if bin

provision is reduced. Maintaining public health is the core role of any local authority, and bin provision is part of that role.

- e. The group recommends that the Council communicate to express our willingness to have dual use bins in place of litter and/or dog waste bins where practical. Areas of high sensitivity – such as outside shops, schools or well used community assets – where the potential smell would be unacceptable would require higher frequency emptying.

VOTE for the clerk to submit the comments as above and following their response for the working group to look at further recommendations for the bins and dog bins. All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander

11811 Financial update

a) Approval of accounts for payment as presented

It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented to the total of £17,5151.20 VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander

b) Barclaycard statement

Noted

c) Income & expenditure account, trial balance & Bank reconciliations, journals, VAT return

Noted

d) Alterations to ear-marked reserves following RBS changeover

The alterations were approved as presented.

e) Recycling collection (additional)

It was resolved to have one mixed recycling collection per month and for the additional annual cost of £95.40 to be added to the budget for 2017/18 and this year's additional cost to come from general reserves. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander

f) Discontinuation of fax line

It was resolved that the fax line would be discontinued as soon as possible and the new broadband to be installed on the other line as presented. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D

	Shing, Mrs W Alexander
11812	<p>Town clerk to use Facebook for advertising of council events and meetings and events on council land if appropriate, press releases & news</p> <p>It was resolved that the clerk be delegated to use the town council Facebook account for advertising council events, meetings, events on council land and within Polegate, press releases and news VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander</p>
11813	<p>Mayors Cup to replace civic award</p> <p>The mayor explained that a cup would be bought which the winner would have for the year, but there would also be a medal which they would have to keep. It was explained that the idea was exceptional service to Polegate as the previous civic award.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Mayors cup would replace the civic award and the clerk be delegated in liaison with the Mayor to make the appropriate arrangements each year including the awards VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander</p>
11814	<p>Mayors Tea Party 5th December 2016</p> <p>It was resolved that the Mayors tea party take place on Monday 5th December and for the clerk to be delegated to make the appropriate arrangements in liaison with the Mayor. Funding to come from the elderly budget VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander</p>
11815	<p>Correspondence for action</p> <p>a) Volunteer group request to use Brightling Road field for a public event</p> <p>A discussion took place on all the safety measures that should be in place and the ideal arrangements. It was agreed that it was likely that this event would not be able to take place on the date shown as the arrangements would have to be made in a hurry. It was agreed that the council was in general happy to see events take place on the field and the clerk was asked to draft some formal arrangements for this to happen to ensure that the events would run smoothly.</p> <p>It was resolved that this and potentially other events could take place on the field and the clerk would be delegated to draft a formal agreement and suggest deposit fees for council to view and in the meantime the clerk would be delegated to form a terms and conditions agreement with any organisers of events to make sure that they had safety precautions, risk assessments, licences and insurances in place and a system to deal with litter and any damage.</p> <p>VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W</p>

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b) East Sussex Hearing Resources Centre request for free use of 51 High Street Polegate on second Tuesday of each month 9.30am – 11.30am

Following the comments from the member of the public that the charity had ample funding and it should not be provided for free the item was deferred in order that the clerk ask for further information regarding funding and bring the information back to the next full council meeting.

NB the group has since obtained use of a church hall for free and has advised that the funds are allocated to specific items and there are not ample funds.

c) Request from Polegate & Stone Cross Cricket Club for the youth team (who train Sundays) to use the pavilion free of charge or at a reduced rate

It was resolved that the youth cricket team could use the pavilion at the reduced rate of £10 as they did not use the showers. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Watts, D Dunbar, Ms A Snell, Mrs C Berry, S Shing, S Dobson, E Board, Mrs M Piper, D Murray, M Falkner, B Goodwin, T Bennett, R Shing, D Shing, Mrs W Alexander

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Proposed dates of next cycle of meetings

Full Council 26th September 2016

Full Council 31st October 2016

Budgets during November and October (Prelim)

Full Council and budget prelim 28th November 2016

Full Council precept and budget prelim 12th December 2016

Full Council precept and budget setting final 9th January 2017

Full Council 27th February 2017

Full Council 27th March 2017

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____

Date _____