

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 25th October 2010 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs T Voyce (Chair), M Cunningham, Mrs J Voyce, J Rogers, T Wright, G Carter, Mrs M Piper, Mrs C Berry, A Watkins, , S.Shing, R Martin

Not Present Cllr S.Barber, Mrs D Joy, J.Harmer, Mrs J Bigsby

Also present Mrs J Ognjanovic Town Clerk

Mrs L Baxter

4 members of the public

1 member of the press

9433 Apologies for absence

Cllr S.Barber, Mrs D Joy, J.Harmer (Bereavement), Mrs J Bigsby

The Mayor read out a short message of condolence to Cllr J Harmer on the recent loss of his wife Brenda. Brenda's funeral will take place on 4th November at 11.30am at St John's.

9434 Declarations of interest

None

9435 Opportunity for public comment

No one wished to speak.

9436 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on:-

The minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2010 were signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting with reservation on minute 9408 which would be removed as a resolution until further information becomes available. A vote was taken VOTE All in favour

9437 Polegate Town Mayors Report

The Mayors report was read out and contents noted accordingly.

9438 Notification of any matters to be dealt with as urgent

None

9439 PCSO report

There were comments on some information contained within the report and the clerk was asked to clarify an item on ticket issue and report directly back to Cllr Mrs Berry.

9440 District/County Councillors' Reports

Reports had been received from Cllr R Martin, Cllr D Broadbent, and these had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr S Shing presented his verbal report which included: police budget priorities - still for local policing; that budget cuts from ESCC and other authorities were unlikely at his stage to affect Polegate town Council; fire authority service was likely to remain unchanged; proposed 700 homes in the LDF - still no infrastructure capacity to take that many houses; housing survey indicates we only need 133 in Polegate as there are only 150 people on the waiting list for affordable housing; the sewage incident at Lynholm Road indicates the overloaded infrastructure; Wealden District Council asked ESCC to carry out a traffic survey

but only officers were able to read this. The information has been asked for under freedom of information and had still not been released, this was of major concern. If Wealden District Council lose the Honey Farm appeal how will the infrastructure cope?

Cllr Watkins also commented and referred members to the Joint committee meeting due to take place on 10th November, which would include the transport study report.

Bus services and trams were discussed in that trams once installed were less likely to have services cut.

Cllr S shing left the meeting at 8pm

9441 Adoption of recommendations and minutes from Committees

It was resolved that the Planning Minutes for 4th October would be adopted with the following amendments:

9414 Cllr Mrs Berry declared an interest in WD/2010/2037/F. 9421 to have the address added. VOTE ALL in favour

9442 a) Youth report

Cllr A Watkins declared a prejudicial interest on this item.

A discussion took place praising the youth service and achieving a good result for Polegate.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mel brown about the youth forum project.

b) Elderly & Retired report

The proposed grant to the luncheon club was discussed.

It was resolved that a grant for £100 be given to the luncheon club subject to any glaring issues in the accounts. The Clerk would request the accounts from the charity and assess the accounts. VOTE 9 in favour 1 abstention Cllr Watkins

c) Brightling Road leisure ground Advisory Committee report

Cllr Mrs c Berry commented on the report saying that it was a shame that when the Polegate Festival wanted to use the field the group was told that the bridge was not strong enough. Activities there may have kept the festival going.

Cllr Cunningham reiterated that this was a wish list that could only be funded by lottery or other funding and could not be funded directly from the Council budget at this time.

It was agreed that the Council would support the recommendations and the Clerk would compile one or more bids to the funding authorities as soon as time permitted in the office.

d) Town Appearance & Festivities Advisory Committee report

A short discussion took place regarding the Christmas lights judging.

A cup for first prize for best dressed house and one for best dressed shop would be purchased and certificates for 2nd and 3rd prizes would be issued.

It was resolved that the recommendations of the report including the purchase of two winners cups at a maximum of £20 each would be accepted and that any councillors who wished to offload some of their roads would contact the office and those not already covering areas would pick up these roads for judging. VOTE All in favour.

9443 Town Map

It was resolved to accept the quote for the contractor to make the new oak map case at the new cost of £686 in the new style.VOTE All in favour

9444 Street Lighting Report

It was resolved to accept the quote for the new lighting column in Black Path at the cost of £1160.03 +VAT VOTE All in favour

It was resolved to accept the cost of £848 + VAT to refurbish lanterns which had been day burning and remove one redundant light near the crossroads on Wannock Road. VOTE All in favour

9445 Pelham Appeal Update

Cllr Watkins offered support to Polegate Town Council to speak with some District councillors who were involved.

It was agreed that the clerk would make enquiries into the possibility of a pro-bono barrister who may wish to advise Polegate town Council at the appeal.

The two new bridges were discussed.

**It was resolved that the clerk would set out the plans and if possible create a presentation of the plans when received and this would be included in the newsletter so that residents could be updated on the appeal and make comments prior to 12th November. A factsheet for residents would be created to keep them updated and this would be available in the office to view along with a possible powerpoint presentation and the A1 plans. As this was not a new planning application this would be the extent of the public exhibition. The exhibition would be advertised by press release and on the website and on boards.
VOTE All in favour**

The format of the appeal was discussed at length and councillors were informed that the Inspectorate had planned to hold one evening meeting in Polegate in order that residents who wished to make a representation could attend the enquiry. Comments would need to be submitted in writing with 10 copies as they are considered evidence.

It was also discussed that as the clerk would be attending most of the appeal some committee meetings may have to change date in order to accommodate the appeal.

9446 Councillors Question time

None

9447 Financial Update

**a) It was resolved to accept the accounts were approved for payment
VOTE All in favour**

b) Council noted the Annual Audit comments by the Auditor

9448 Correspondence for Action

a) It was resolved that the office would complete the online survey for the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 consultation.VOTE All in favour

b)Queen Elizabeths Field challenge

A short discussion took place regarding the Challenge. A member of the public wished to speak.

Standing orders suspended

The resident commented that although the War memorial would not be eligible because of the nature of it being a war memorial ground brightling Road was eligible although under trust.

Standing orders were reinstated

It was resolved not to pursue the Queen Elizabeth's field Challenge. VOTE All in favour.

c)It was resolved that the office would complete the ESCC review of local bus services. VOTE All in favour

Correspondence for Information only

- d)**Letter regarding Polegate Grasshoppers - Council noted this item would be taken to Environment & Leisure on 6th December
- e)**CCTV update – Roger Fox Noted by Council
- f)**SLCC letter – Noted by Council
- g)** Lifetime magazine - Noted by Council
- h)**Thank you letters M brown/Relateen - Noted by Council
- i)**Exercise Watermark - Noted by Council. Cllrs M Cunnigham and R Marting wished to be active in any updates.
- j)**CAB Letter of thanks – Noted By Council
- k)**CRI YASS – Noted by Council
- l)** LCR magazine – Cllrs noted a copy was available to view in the office.
- m)**Age Concern Annual review -Cllrs noted a copy was available to view in the office.
- n)**St Georges history Book - Cllrs noted a copy was available to view in the office.

9449 Town Clerk's report

The clerk's report had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

It was resolved to go ahead with the winter planting outside the Council office and the Offices at Wannock Road at a cost of £210 + VAT VOTE all in favour.

9450 Proposed Next Cycle of Meetings

1st November – Personnel Advisory Committee Budget

8th November – Environment & Leisure committee Budget

16th November – Finance & Policy Committee Budget

29th November – Full Council BUDGET (*amended date in order to accept recommendations from Finance & policy Budget meeting*).

9451 Resolution to take business into confidential session

It was resolved that due to the confidential nature of the next business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the rest of the meeting. VOTE All in favour.