

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs J Harmer (Chair), Mrs Berry, G. Carter, Mrs Voyce, Mrs Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, T. Voyce, A. Watkins, T. Wright and Mrs J Bigsby

4 members of the public

8707 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S Shing, J Rogers, S Barber and M Cunningham.

8708 Declarations of interest

Youth – Cllr Watkins, Cllr Mrs J Bigsby, Cllr T Voyce and Cllr Mrs J Voyce – personal and non-prejudicial

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

8709 Opportunity for Public Comment

Two members of the Public wished to speak.

A resident spoke regarding the Oakleaf Play area. Although she understood that closures happened for all sorts of reasons such as equipment failure, weather conditions and vandalism some of the closures had not been, she felt sign posted. The resident also stated that the equipment provided at Oakleaf was not suitable for toddlers. The slide was in the sun all day so therefore got extremely hot. The resident stated that a lot of families like herself, are moving into the Polegate area and she felt that the Council should be providing facilities which cater to their needs. She expressed her willingness to help in any way should could to establish these facilities.

A representative from KORGI spoke regarding the plaque at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground. The resident stated that from the last General Purposes Committee it had been suggested that public donations could assist in the cost of the plaque. In order to help in this matter quotes had been sort which ranged from £350.00 to £530.00. The resident stated that he believed that everybody concerned with this would be pleased to see this matter concluded. It would be pleasing to see the plaque at the Recreation Ground in time for Remembrance Sunday when those who wish to pay their respects would have a focal point in Polegate.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8710 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2009 had been adopted
And it was agreed that they could be signed by the chair.

8711 Matters arising from the meeting held on 15th April 2009

a) Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground – Plaque

It was felt that as KORGI had provided more quotes
This would be held over until the next General Purposes
Committee.

b) Youth Club Proposal – see 12c

c) Process to gain funding through grants and Lottery for the refurbishment of the play equipment.

The Clerk read a report that had been prepared by Mrs
Ognjanovic. New quotes were being sort from Companies for the
Refurbishment of Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground play
Area. Funding is also being looked into such as Big Lottery Fund,
Sport England, Play Pathfinder, Awards for All. In the report it
Stated that a lot of the grants have been allocated fro 2010/2011.
In Mrs Ognjanovic's report it stated that she would be continuing
To look at all areas of funding.

d) Dirt Track Improvement – see item 6ii

**e) Update of over 60's Information Day – 7th September 2pm till
5pm at Polegate Community Centre. The Coffee Lounge has been
Booked for free tea and coffee and approximately 30 exhibitors
Had been booked. The Vice Chair of WDC would be attending
As would Norman Baker MP.**

f) Litter Poster Campaign – see item 9

g) Hailsham Flower Beds – See item 10

h) Update on Active Street Games – see item 12a

**i) Ultralite Christmas Lights – The quote for replacement had been
agreed as resolution 8660 17-6-09.**

j) Seat to be placed in between level Crossing and opposite Burnside

This would be completed in August.

8712 Recreation Grounds including meadow, skate park, playground

i) Tree Survey quotes – this had been circulated.

**It was resolved that the Company who gave the lowest quote would be
appointed for the work to be carried out. The Clerk would arrange for the work
to commence.**

ii) Dirt Track at Brightling Road – Presentation

No one was available for the presentation.

iii) Quotes for repairs at Oakleaf re Insurance Inspection.

The quote was not available in relation to the Insurance
Inspection. Once this had been received it would be circulated
For agreement.

**It was resolved that the following Councillors would agree the quote for Oakleaf
Play Area – Cllrs T Voyce, G Carter, Mrs C Berry, Mrs m Piper.**

The annual top – up of play bark was discussed as this should be
Completed for the school holidays.

It was resolved that Play Bark will be ordered immediately for Oakleaf play area.

8713 Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground

- a) **Lettings** – A draft lease and letter was circulated. This included the List of items that were agreed with the Council date 17 June 2006. A Schedule would be requested from Polegate Football Club.
- b) **Up date on refurbishment of play equipment** – This was reported in 8711 c.
- c) **Quotes for Toilet Cleaning at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground** – 3 quotes had been gained. All quotes were discussed at Length.

It was resolved that the present cleaning company would be given notice to quit and a new company would be requested to commence on a 7 day unlock and cleaning regime. This would be monitored closely by the Town Clerk.

d) Quotes for improvements at The Pavilion

Doors – the quote for the doors were circulated and agreed as they Are of an urgent nature.

It was resolved that the Clerk arrange for the two doors to be replaced at the Pavilion.

Locks on the main door at the Pavilion – See item 8714

e) Quotes of weed killing at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground (8605 11.05.09).

Quotes would be gained by the Town Clerk. The company that was Used last year would be contacted to see if there is anything that They can do.

8714 The proposal to form A Buildings Sub Committee proposed by Cllr J Harmer

It has been felt by many on the Council that a Buildings Sub Committee should be formed so that more detailed information could be discussed In regard to the Pavilion and the Council buildings. This would include Repairs, invoices and to gain quotes and to make recommendations to the General Purposes Committee.

It was resolved that a Buildings Sub Committee would be formed with the following Councillors in attendance – Cllr T Voyce (lead), Cllrs R Martin, G Carter, T Wright, J Harmer and Mrs C Berry.

It was resolved that the locks for the Pavilion would be discussed at the Buildings Sub Committee. (item 8713 d)

A Discussion took place regarding the Agenda for the General Purposes as it was felt that there are items that could be discussed at a Full Council.

It was resolved that the Youth and The Retired would become agenda items on the Full Council agenda.

8715 Town Appearance

- a) **Litter Poster Campaign** – A letter had been received from Polegate School which had been circulated. They have declined Our invitation to participate in this campaign but are more than Happy to promote it as family challenge. This was discussed at it Was agreed to open the invitation up to Willingdon School (both Junior and Senior)

It was resolved that the Clerk would write a letter to both Junior and Senior Willingdon Schools to invite them to participate in the Litter Poster Campaign.

8716 Hailsham Road Flower Beds

- a) **Sponsorship** – The Clerk informed the Council that the two new Signs had been placed in the flower beds. We still have a flower Bed with no sponsor although a company had recently asked for the details.

8717 Allotments

Best Gardens and Allotments – It was discussed amongst the Council if this Should be re-introduced. It was felt that the Best Garden competition is too late For this year as most gardens seem to peak at different times during the year. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Allotment Competition would be Introduced this year.

It was resolved that the Best Allotment Competition would commence on 12 August at 5pm and the following Councillors would be in attendance – Cllrs T Voyce, Mrs Bigsby, Mrs Piper, R Martin, Mrs Berry, A Watkins and Mrs Joy. The prizes would be 1st £25 2nd £15 and 3rd £10 garden vouchers.

8718 Youth

A report had been circulated regarding the Eastbourne and Wealden YMCA Counselling Service for Young People Aged 13 – 25 living in Eastbourne and Wealden. The report stated that the aim was to introduce a service that will Improve and change young people’s lives. There has never been a link with The YMCA anywhere in Polegate. At this present time the YMCA are not asking For funding. They are requesting that Polegate Town Council listen to the Needs of the YMCA and their evidence that this service is definitely needed in Our area to see if the Council can provide a venue.

It was resolved that the Chief Executive of the YMCA would be invited to the next full Council Meeting to present his findings.

- a) **Active Street Games Provision** – This is being provided by Hastings Borough Council. It will be for every Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4 until the last Thursday in August at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground. It is from 11 – 18years old.
- b) **Active Play** – This is being run for one session at the Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground on Monday 13th August and this is being run by Wealden District Council.
- c) **Youth Club at Willingdon School** – A letter had been circulated with all the Details from Mel Brown at Willingdon School. This would be for one night a Week at the School and the funding would come from both Willingdon Parish Council and Polegate Council. It was suggested that this should not Be on the same evenings as the Youth Club at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground.

It was resolved to agree this proposal in principle but Mel Brown should be invited to the next Full Council Meeting for a more formal presentation.

8719 Christmas Lights

a) Switch on of Christmas Lights – The lights had been agreed from the Last General Purposes Committee (8660 17.06.09) to be switched On the third weekend in November (21st). The cost of the energy For the extra days would be minimal. The lights would go on at 3pm Every day and then off at midnight except for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve when they would go off at 1am.
The switching on of the lights would be arranged for 4pm with the Help of local organisations.

It was resolved that the Town Clerk and Admin Assistant would co-ordinate the event.

8720 Correspondence

First Aid Training for the Football Club – A request had come in to use the Pavilion on either 22nd or 29th August to have training in Safe Airway position, CPR and AED use, alongside sprains and strains and limited bleeding and also Including defibrillator training. The request asked if they could use the Pavilion Free of charge.

It was resolved that the Football Club could use the Pavilion free of charge on either 22 or 29th August for the use of First Aid training. A reply would be sent to the Administration Secretary.

Recording Equipment – A request had been received from Cllr T Wright Asking if Recording Equipment could be purchased for the taping of all Council Meetings. After a short discussion it was agreed to take this to Next Full Council Meeting.

It was resolved to submit this as an agenda item at the next Full Council Meeting.

8721 Date of next meeting

23 September 2009 at 7.30pm