

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 9th June 2008 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S Barber (Mayor), Mrs C. Berry, Mrs J Bigsby, G. Carter, J. Harmer, Mrs D. Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, S. Shing (8084 – 8092 only)
Mrs J. Voyce, T. Voyce, A. Watkins and T. Wright

1 member of the public, 1 member of the press

In attendance: PCSO Matthew Neve and Michael Easton, Sussex Police

8084 Apologies

Cllrs. M Cunningham, J. Rogers

8085 Declarations of interest

Item 14 – Trees in Hailsham Road

Cllrs Mrs J Bigsby

8086 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 May 2008

The minutes were approved as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them. Cllr A Watkins was present (Master copy amended)

8087 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 May 2008

Minute 8051 – Cllr Mrs C Berry – minutes should be amended to read 'proposal was supported but not sufficiently to win the vote and therefore her motion was lost'

Minute 8052 – Cllr A Watkins considered that the information contained in the Tree Preservation Orders for Polegate was not sufficient to identify the trees. Council agreed that this was something that needed attention.

Minutes 8059 – Cllr A Watkins wanted to agree with the comments from the Mayor about the Annual Town Meeting

8088 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8089 In order to allow the Councillors/PSCOs to comment on PSCO Jamie Harwood's report it was resolved to suspend standing orders.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

PCSO Report – Copy on file

Cllr J Harmer asked about an incident on 26 May in Malcolm Gardens
Cllr Mrs M Piper volunteered along with Cllrs Mrs J Bigsby, Mrs J Voyce, R Martin to serve on the Neighbourhood Panels.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8090 District/County Councillors' Reports

Written reports had been provided by Cllr Don Broadbent for the District and Cllr R Martin for County. (Copy of reports on file)

8091 Update from Standing Committees and Working Group Traffic and Transport

Council considered the report from the Transport and Traffic Group of 27 May. The contents of which were noted.

Cllr Mrs C Berry informed the meeting that roundel signs giving the speed were allowed on the requested red markings at the bottom and top of the High Street but not in the middle – this was not as reported in these notes.

MASTERPLAN

Council agreed that the draft plan as presented should be adopted as a Working document with an amendment on Leisure which would be Provided by Cllr A Watkins taking into consideration additional information From WDC – PPG Assessment 17 Wealden Open Space Study Report.

The Masterplan would then be submitted to WDC.

8092 Adoption of Minutes from standing committees

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the following committees:-
Planning Committee held on 13 May 2008
Finance Committee 4 June 2008

Cllr Shing left the meeting

8093 Health & Safety Policy/Risk Assessments

It was resolved to adopt the Health & Safety Policy (dated June 2008) with The following addition No smoking in the pavilion or garage store. This would be annually reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

Health & Safety would be added to the Council Agenda.

The Risk Management Policy Statement was agreed and adopted by Council.

8094 Financial Update

Council considered the schedules of Accounts for Payment and the Monthly Update for May 2008 and the accounts for payment were approved.

8095 Town Clerk's Report

The current Action List had been circulated to all members.

NHS – Consultation on Older People's Mental health Services – Cllr R Martin
Volunteered to look at this

ESCC – Public Rights of Way Network Survey

Polegate responders had saved two lives

8096 Correspondence

**i) Invitation to Sussex Rural Affordable Housing Partnership
Annual Conference** – Members unable to attend

ii) Community Emergency Planning Conference – Cllr R Martin to attend

iii) WDC - Parish Conference for Clerks – 16th June 2008 – Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend

iv) Request for trees in Hailsham Road – Members carefully considered this request but felt that the reasons for removing the original trees were still valid and the flower beds had been planted instead, therefore they resolved not to proceed any further with this request.

8097 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported that he attended the greeting of colleagues from our Twinned Town of Appen.

The Scout AGM and the Active Street Games.

8098 Date of the next cycle of meetings

Leisure, Allotments and General Purposes	– 17 June 2008 at 5.30p.m.
Buildings & Leisure Groups	Wednesday 11 June at 7.00p.m.
Planning	Tuesday 17 June 2008 at 7.00p.m.
Finance	Monday 2 nd July at 7.00p.m.
Personnel	Wednesday 25 th June 2008 at 5.00p.m.
Youth	Wednesday 11 June 2008 at 5.30p.m.
Christmas Lights	Thursday 26 th June 2.00p.m.
Full Council	Monday 14 July 2008 at 7.30p.m.

8099 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.