

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 13th October 2008 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Barber (Mayor), Mrs C Berry, Mrs J Bigsby, G. Carter, M. Cunningham, J. Harmer, Mrs D. Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, J. Rogers, Mrs J. Voyce, T. Voyce, A. Watkins and T. Wright

1 member of the press

In attendance: PCSOS Mike Easton and Matt Neave, Sussex Police

8238 Apologies

Cllr S Shing

8239 Declarations of interest

None

8240 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th September 2008

The minutes were approved as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

8241 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th September 2008

Minute 8201(b) – Cllr Mrs Berry – was unable to find the financial information she had requested – the Clerk is to provide it.

8192 – Cllr Rogers asked if the yellow lines had now been completed – The Clerk confirmed they had.

Hindsland Meeting – the Clerk confirmed that the meeting with Willington and Jevington Parish Council was to be held on 20th October At 7.30p.m. – it was agreed that Polegate would be represented by Cllrs Barber, Mrs Berry, Harmer, Voyce.

8197 – A response had been received from Norman Baker MP that he would strive to move the proposed timescale on repairs to the noise bund slip by the Highways Agency.

8010- Cllr Mrs Berry had asked if the Clerk could chase a response about the fencing which goes from Porters Way to the station car park The Clerk said she had now received a response from the managing agents who had given her the name/address of the managing agents of the flats so she could now pursue this issue.

8242 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8243 PSCO Report – this was noted there were no comments from Councillors

8244 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Roy Martin reported for the District and County.

The petition for improvements to the dangerous junction at Station Road and Western Avenue has been presented to the County Council.

The County Cabinet will consider the work on the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle and they will consider arranging a three way informal meeting Between the Cabinets of East Sussex, Eastbourne Borough and Wealden District on the ways to move forward with the proposed economics policies and actions. The Cabinet will be considering their response to the South East Plan.

Neither the District or the County Council have any money invested in an Icelandic Bank.

The District Council has asked for 35 BT telephone boxes to be retained. The Community Grants Programme for 2009/10 has now been notified and may be viewed on the Wealden website.

The District Council has formally objected to the proposals in the South East Plan.

Copies of these objections were requested by members.

8245 District Councillors' Planning Reports

It had been noted that Cllr Shing had attended several meetings of the Cabinet when the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle was discussed however no reports on this had been received by the Town Council but the Council was aware that Cllr Shing shared some members concerns over the lack of representation of Polegate at these discussions.

It was agreed to write to Cllr Shing and ask him if he could update the Council at regular intervals on the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle and any other planning matters relevant to Polegate Town Council.

8246 Update from Standing Committees and Working Groups

Council noted the reports from the following working groups and agreed to adopt the recommendations contained therein

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Buildings

Christmas Lights

Leisure, Allotments and General Purposes

(excluding the recommendation from LAGP under Confidential)

It was agreed to increase the bulb budget to £50.00

Youth – 17th September & 8th October

The Clerk explained that Active Play teams was to run 12 sessions at Polegate Community Centre starting in November however Active Play is a funded project which does not have any resources to pay for hall hire. The Clerk had applied through PC Liz Kennan for funding from the Police JAG fund to cover these costs of 12 x £20 = £240 but had not as yet received an answer and she was anxious that this play initiative was not lost for want of the hall hire costs.

It was agreed that Council would pay for the hire of a hall at Polegate Community Centre for the Active Play teams if the Police JAG fund did not.

8247 Adoption of Minutes from Standing Committees

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the following committees:-

Council Meeting 29 September 2008

Planning Committee held on 16 September 2008

Personnel Committee 24th September 2008

Cllr Watkins was unhappy about some of the business at this meeting being taken under confidential session and he noted that some of items which were discussed were not really personnel matters.

This was noted by the Clerk and assurances were given that she would strive to ensure that this was not repeated at future meetings.

8248 Hailsham – Eastbourne Triangle

Cllr Martin reported on the history of the Triangle and then the current situation – the consultants had completed their report but no solid decisions have been made on their recommendations by any of the cabinets concerned. Concerns were expressed that this document is being used as evidence for the South East Plan and the LDF and Polegate Town Council still has no input into it. The Clerk is to try and obtain a copy of the consultants' report.

It was agreed to contact all the other parishes in the Hailsham/Eastbourne Triangle and ask if they would like to come to a joint meeting to discuss the possible implications to them of this initiative.

2 representatives would be invited from each Council.

The Clerk would also ask if the Triangle could be placed on the agenda at Wealden District Council's Parish Conference which is going to be held on 11th November 2008. Cllrs Rogers and Voyce would represent Polegate.

8249 Town Map

Cllr Rogers explained the draft map which had been circulated to members, he had been speaking to Alan Everard, a local artist, who was drafting the pictures as per the instructions of the working group. Members felt that the Working group should call another meeting so that this proposal could be more fully discussed.

8250 To consider new furniture for the Council Chamber

Members had received three options for new tables for the Council Chambers.

It was agreed to order the tables from Viking Direct under
For a cost of £1951.87 + VAT

Cllrs Mrs Berry, Mrs Joy, Martin and Watkins voted against this motion.

8251 To approve change in working group members and WDALC Representative:-

Cllr Joy is to leave Youth

Cllr Wright is to replace Cllr Mrs Piper on WDALC.

8252 Change of Standing Order 47 to 'add working groups' to the Committee and sub-committees appointed by the Council.

This will stand until the next meeting to be resolved. (Standing order 86)

8253 Financial Report

a) Approval of accounts for payment

Council considered the schedules of Accounts for Payment and the accounts for payment were approved.

b) Monthly financial update

Members considered the financial information and it was noted.

8254 Town Clerk's Report

Thank you letter from resident in Gosford Way for the new double yellow lines.

AGM – Age Concern 21st November 2008 at Uckfield

New No Cold Calling sign for Northfield has finally got its license from ESCC.

SE Plan – exhibition on Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation needs

21st October Uckfield Civic Centre 2.30 – 7.30pm.

CAB outreach service will be going on Thursdays to the Children's Centre in Polegate rather than the Council Offices – it will every 2nd and 4th

Thursdays each month. The Tuesday service will continue at the Council Offices.

8255 Correspondence noted

WDC – District/Parish Conference 11th November 2008 – Cllrs Mrs Berry, Harmer and Rogers to attend.

ESCC – Revised School Crossing Patrol Policy

WDC – Members' allowance 2009

SALC – AGM – 7th November 2008

Communities and Local Government – The making and enforcement of Byelaws

WDC – Community Planning Conference 28th October 2008 – Cllr Martin to attend

WDC – Sites of Nature Conservation Information – Brightling Road Meadow and Diplocks Wood are to be submitted.

WDC – Reminder to submit master plans

8256 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor informed members that he would be attending Wealden District Council Chairman's reception at Buxted Park on Friday 17th October.

8257 Date of the next cycle of meetings

Planning – 14th October 2008

Buildings – 23rd October at 7.00p.m.

Traffic and transport – 23rd October at 8.00pm.

8258 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.