

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 8TH December 2008 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

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

2 members of the public

1 member of the press

In attendance: PCSO Alison Beaden, Sussex Police

8331 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Berry, Rogers

8332 Declarations of interest

Item 13 on the agenda –

Cllrs Mrs Bigsby, Mrs Voyce, Voyce and Watkins personal and Non-prejudicial all associated with Willingdon Community School.

8333 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2008

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

8334 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2008

8283 – A response had been received from Cllr Pam Doodes who is the portfolio holder for Wealden District Council on the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Cllr Doodes to attend a joint meeting of all the Parish/Town Councils concerned in the original letter so that all the Councils may express their concerns directly to her. This is to be arranged for January.

8335 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8336 In order to allow PSCO Alison Beaden to comment on the report before Council it was resolved to suspend standing orders.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Cllr Harmer asked why many of the parking tickets had been given At 22.00 hours – PSCO Beaden explained it was because she had Been on duty at that time and cars were illegally parked.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8337 District/County Councillors' Reports

An E Mail from Cllr Oi Lin Shing was read out by the Clerk. Written reports from Cllrs Don Broadbent and Roy Martin had been circulated.

8338 Update from Standing Committees and Working Groups

Council noted the reports from the following working groups:- Standing Orders Review Group – the recommendations and proposed changes would stand undiscussed until January's meeting.

8339 Adoption of Minutes from Standing Committees

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the following committees:-
Personnel 26th November 2008
Finance Meeting 3rd December 2008
Planning Committee 18th November 2008

8340 Budget Proposals 2009/2010

The chair of Finance gave an update of the Budget meeting held on 3rd December and presented the proposed budget for 2009/2010 and the precept figure for the corresponding period. It was resolved to accept the budget for 2009/2010 as presented and to set the precept figure for 2009/2010 at £234,000.

8341 Freedom of Information Act – Model Publication Scheme

Members agreed to adopt the scheme with no alterations.

8342 To consider request from Willingdon Community School for a centrally placed notice board site in Polegate Town centre.

Cllr Harmer informed members that he had already written to the school to offer the Twinning Association notice board at the Dinkum for this purpose and was awaiting a response. The Clerk will write to the school stating that if this is not satisfactory then they could return to the Town Council.

8343 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

This was noted by members.

8344 Town Clerk's Report including health & Safety Report

Polegate Neighbourhood Watch requesting photocopying facilities from the Town Council and a reference on the Town Council website to Neighbourhood Watch – these were agreed by members.

Temporary Level Crossing Closure on 8th February at 10.00hrs to 0.04hrs
On Monday 9th February 2009.

Report from Mr Northcott on various Health & safety Issues around the Town – noted and referred to Committee.

8345 Correspondence noted

WDC – Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Street trading controls

Wealden have decided not to adopt the above legislation at this time but to monitor for one year complaints and issues on street trading across the District.

WDC – Town & Parish Clerk's Seminar 20th January 2009 – clerk to attend.

Mr Carder 26 Porters Way – requesting that Polegate Town Council considers asking Persimmon Homes to sell/transfer ownership of the land at Porters Way which extends the turning head by 'Old Polegate Station' restaurant to the turning head by the new block of flats built on the shopping centre car park. This is a strip of land where bushes and trees stand varies in depth but extends back to the station car park fence.

Council decided that it would not be prudent to take over management of this piece of land.

8346 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor announced that Polegate Town Council had been awarded Quality Town Status and he thanked the Clerk for all her hard work in helping the Council obtain this – it had been one of his goals for his term of mayor.

He reminded councillors of the Mayor's tea party for retired persons of Polegate – 107 had 'booked' to attend. All councillors would be welcome.

8347 Date of the next cycle of meetings

12th January – Full Council @ 7.30p.m.

20th January – Public Meeting St Johns' Hall at 7.00p.m.

21st January – General Purposes @ 7.30p.m.

28th January – Personnel @ 1.30p.m.