

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S Barber (Mayor), Mrs J Bigsby, G. Carter, M. Cunningham, J. Harmer, Mrs D. Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, S. Shing (3363 -3373) Mrs J. Voyce, T. Voyce, A. Watkins and T. Wright

7 members of the public

1 member of the press

8358 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Berry, Mrs Joy

8359 Declarations of interest

Matters Arising on the agenda –

Cllrs Mrs Bigsby, Watkins personal and non-prejudicial associated with Willingdon Community School.

Cllr S Shing under confidential matters Street Lighting Maintenance – Cllr Shing took no part in these discussions and left the meeting.

8360 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th December 2008

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

8361 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th December 2008

8283 – Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle – responses from ESCC/ Seeda noted. Joint meeting with Cllr Pam Doodles arranged for 27th January at 7.00p.m. at the Council Offices. The Clerk had informed the other parishes/towns.

The Quality Town Council Presentation would be on 29th January at 7.00p.m. at Polegate Community Centre in the coffee lounge.

8342 - Willingdon School noticeboard

It was resolved that the only site the Council could offer the school was the board made available by the Twinning Association at The Dinkum which was at present in need of repair.

8362 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8363 Opportunity for Public Comment

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

A resident from Bernhard Gardens wished Council to note that she was concerned over the proposed plans to build a medical centre on the recreation ground Wannock Road and that Council should be aware of the covenants on this land and that sporting facilities in Polegate should be eroded.

A resident from Wannock Drive also spoke of his concerns on this proposed development – he spoke with the knowledge of other residents in Wannock Drive. He reminded Council of the existing covenants and questioned whether Council should even be considering this proposal. He also pointed out the shortfall in existing recreational space in the Polegate area. He was not against a new medical centre but not on land held in trust for Polegate residents as recreational space.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8364 PCSO report

The report for December was noted

8365 District/County Councillors' Reports

Written reports from Cllrs Don Broadbent and Roy Martin had been circulated.

8366 Update from Standing Committees and Working Groups

Standing Orders Review Group

It was resolved to accept the recommendations and proposed changes as agreed at the meeting of the Standing Orders Review Group held on 22.11.08

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to invite Cllr Harmer to act As chairman to the new General Purposes Committee. Cllr Harmer agreed to act in this capacity.

8367 Wannock Road Recreation Ground

Cllr Watkins wanted it noted that he had been opposed to any development on the recreation ground as it was against planning guidance PPG17 & LR1 of Wealden District Council's non-statutory plan. and he was against breaking any covenants on this land.

Council agreed to facilitate a structured public meeting at St John's Hall on Saturday 24th January 2009 at 11.00a.m. The meeting would be led by the doctors' and Apollo. Apollo had issued a press release which informed residents of the proposals – plans would also be on show at local surgeries and residents in the area surrounding the recreation ground would be visited to be appraised of the proposals.

8368 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.

8369 Town Clerk's Report including health & Safety Report

East Sussex Draft Cycling Strategy available for comments on the website www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/current any comments should be received by 20th February 2009.

8370 Correspondence noted

Polegate Town Football Club

It was resolved to extend the lease for the football club for a further year
The offer of tiling the floor in the shower room was declined but Council will ensure that the floor is kept clear of any loose paint etc.

Wealden District Council - Draft Corporate Plan 2009 - 2012 website consultation

ESCC – Review of supported local bus services see attached papers of services in Polegate which could be affected.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write in support of retaining all of the supported services which affect Polegate. Council also agreed to support the request by Willingdon Community School of an additional school bus.

WDC – Open Space Study has been completed and is available on the website under Planning/Local Plan/evidence for LDF.

Communities in Control – Consultation on Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity - - Cllr Watkins will study this document

8371 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor announced that the Christmas Party had been a great success and planning was already underway for the Summer Garden Party and a Christmas Party 2009. He reminded Councillors about the Quality Award Presentation and he informed members that at that ceremony he would be awarding small grants to local organisations from the his fund.

8372 Date of the next cycle of meetings

General Purposes - 21st January 2009 at 7.30p.m.

Personnel – 28th January 2009 at 10.00a.m.

Full Council – 9th February 2009 at 7.30p.m.