

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. Cunningham (Chair), S. Barber, G. Carter,
Mrs. M. Piper, J. Rogers, Mrs J Voyce, T. Voyce, A. Watkins

No members of the press or public

8459 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs D Joy
Cllr J Harmer was not present.

8460 Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda

Cllr Rogers – personal and prejudicial – grant to Polegate
Community Association
Cllrs Barber, Cunningham, Mrs Voyce and Voyce – personal and
non – prejudicial – grant to Polegate Community Association

8461 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2008

These had been approved at Council and the chair was authorised to
sign them as a true record.

8462 Matters arising

Members discussed the provision of the end of year accounts and
It was resolved to instruct RBS Solutions to carry out this service
At a cost of £425 + 30p per mile travel costs.

8463 Office equipment

Members considered the provision of new computers for the office
It was resolved that the Clerk be given the delegated powers to
order new computers – two desktops including new screens, mice,
keyboards, flash drives and 1 laptop. These would be purchased
in conjunction Julian Perrott at Barkweb. The budget spend would
up to £2000.

The office would be fitted with a worktop and associated shelving
along the wall side. This would be carried out by the handyman.
It was resolved to purchase a new camera for office use. The budget
spend would be up to £150.00.

8464 Financial Standing orders

Cllr Rogers queried the amendment 8.1as to whether Council Policy should be replaced by Council Minute. The Clerk explained the current banking facilities of the Council and members accepted that devising a investment policy for Council at this time would not be prudent.

It was resolved to accept the standing orders as amended

8465 Budgetary Report

The budgetary report up to 18th February 2009 was noted by members.

Cllr Rogers left the meeting

8466 Grant applications

The following applications which were in line with Council’s grant policy were discussed.

It was resolved to allocate the following organisation a grant during the financial year 2009/10.

Organisation	Grant
Wealden Citizens Advice Bureau	£3,000 paid half yearly
Total spent	£3000.00

Having carefully examined the accounts of the following organisations members agreed not to allocate a grant for this financial year:-

Sussex Playing Fields Association

Members discussed at length the proposal from Polegate Community Association for a grant

Members agreed that the budget for grants 2009/20010 could not facilitate the amount of grant as requested – grants of this amount should be requested before the estimates for precept are considered. Members discussed the possibility of funding/part funding a specific project rather than monies just being used for general maintenance.

It was resolved for the clerk to write to the Association offering to pay for 100 new chairs for the Lounge at the centre.

It was agreed that any monies left in the grant budget from 2008/09 would be placed in reserves under a specific heading.