

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs J Harmer (Chair), Mrs Berry, G. Carter,
Mrs Voyce, Mrs Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, J Rogers,
T. Voyce, A. Watkins and T. Wright

3 members of the public

Two Clerks – Mrs L Baxter (retiring) Mrs Carol Gatrill (new)

8551 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Shing, Barber, Cunningham and Mrs Bigsby

8552 Declarations of interest

Youth – Cllr Watkins – personal and non-prejudicial

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

8553 Opportunity for Public Comment

A resident stated that he was disappointed that Polegate Town Council had not taken on board a vision for the Polegate Memorial Recreational Ground and included members of the public i.e. the football, cricket, stoolball clubs and interested members of the public in discussions of the use of the ground. He also stated that he had carried out a risk assessment of the ground area some 12 months ago and he was pleased that some of the recommendations had been carried out. He felt that in his opinion the play area was in need of some refurbishment.

The resident concluded by saying that he felt the complaints department should be reconvened and a review of the Council's decision against him should be dealt with.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8554 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2009 had been adopted and it was agreed that they could be signed by the chair.

8555 Matters arising from the meeting held on 17th February 2009

- a) Response from Model Engineering Club – Mrs Baxter reported that the Model Engineering Club had renewed their licence for 2009-2010 although they are in negotiations to move in the near future. They will be giving us the 3 months notice that is required. The footpath will be put on hold until further notice.

8556 Recreation Grounds including meadow, skate park, playground

- a) The report from Recreation Ground Working Group 25 March 2009 was adopted and any recommendations implemented.

- b) Oakleaf Play Area – New piece of play equipment. Several designs were looked at. It was agreed unanimously that the Time Out Trail at £1135.00 provided by Sovereign Play Equipment would be the preferred choice to be in keeping with the existing play equipment.

c) Polegate Memorial Recreational Ground

- i) Memorial Plaque – A letter had been received from KORGI (Keep Our Recreation Ground Intact) offering assistance in the design of the Memorial Plaque. The memorial was discussed by all members of the Council. Cllr Mrs Berry proposed that the brick built memorial as suggested By KORGI should be erected at the ground. The vote for this proposal was 3 for, 4 against, 1 abstention The motion Was lost.
It was then proposed that three estimates be sort in
Stone
Brick
Wood
With the appropriate costings for the following wording on the plaque
'This recreation ground was left to The People of Polegate in memory of
of those who gave their lives for us in the Great War
24th June 1914 – 11th November 1918.
And also remembering those who gave their lives for us in all following
conflict'
The vote on this motion was 6 in favour, 4 abstentions. The motion was carried.

- ii) To consider provision of play equipment at the Polegate Memorial Ground–This was put on hold until final accounts have been completed.

- iii) Possible provision of street trader (ice cream van) at Ground

STANDINGS ORDERS SUSPENDED

Cllr Harmer asked the public present for their views on an ice-cream van at the recreation ground as residents local to the area.
Two residents felt that this would be OK and also suggested a boot fair in the car park
The third said that a van already visited the estate.

STANDINGS ORDERS REINSTATED

Members then discussed this proposal and it was agreed by all that this should not be pursued.

8557 Youth

There was no up date on the proposed Youth Club at Willingdon Community School as the school was on Easter holiday.

8558 Traffic and Transport

a) Village Gateway Signs

Update on moving village gateway signs – Mrs Baxter had received a phone call from Ian Johnson at ESCC stating that if Polegate wished to have the sign by Park Croft moved, Polegate would have to cover any costs involved. Cllr Mrs Berry stated that PTC should write to ESCC stating that this should be moved as it does not reflect the true boundary of the Parish and ESCC should cover the costs. Mrs Baxter stated that Willingdon & Jevington had agreed to move the wrongly placed Willingdon sign in due course and to cover the appropriate costs for this.

Members agreed that the Polegate sign at Park Croft should stay where it is.

b) New street column High Street Polegate

EDF Energy had originally submitted an estimate for this work however they are no longer the street lighting contractors for PTC so a new estimate had been obtained from ESCC, the estimate had been quoted as £2818.94+ VAT, £600 more than the insurance company had paid out.

Mrs Baxter had contacted both the bus company and the loss adjuster to request the additional funding.

It was agreed to accept the estimate from ESCC to carry out the work of £2818.94

8559 Date of next meeting

17th June 2009