

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 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, T. Wright, M. Cunningham, Mrs J Bigsby and
S. Barber

5 members of the public

8649 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Shing

8650 Election of Vice Chair

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to invited Cllr T. Voyce to act in this Capacity. Cllr T Voyce indicated his agreement to this proposal.

8651 Declarations of interest

Youth – Cllr Watkins, Cllr Mrs J Bigsby, Cllr J Rogers, Cllr T Voyce and Cllr Mrs J Voyce – personal and non-prejudicial

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

8652 Opportunity for Public Comment

A resident spoke on behalf of KORGI regarding the plaque for the Polegate War Memorial Recreational Ground. He stated that until recently probably 99.5% of Polegate residents did not know the background to the Recreation Ground. The resident asked the Council to reconsider the wording that has already been agreed upon at a past meeting. He requested that the donors of the ground be named on the plaque. He felt that the plaque would ensure that future residents would recognise the War Memorial Recreation Ground and what it stands for.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8653 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2009 had been adopted
And it was agreed that they could be signed by the chair.

8654 Matters arising from the meeting held on 15th April 2009

a) Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground – Memorial Plaque

A detailed discussion took place amongst all Councillors. The wording had been Agreed at the previous meeting and 3 quotes should be sort. A quote from Tookey's had been received for a Celtic Grey Granite Memorial size 30" high x 21"

Wide and 12" deep with a Bronze Plaque size 18"x12"x2". The cost would be £1500 + VAT. The plaque on its own would be £100 + VAT.

It was resolved that 3 quotes should be sort in readiness for the next Committee meeting

b) Oakleaf Play Area – New equipment

The new equipment had been installed but it was felt that there was still space For Ball games to be played in the park. There has been some damage done to A Springer Crazy Gander and it was felt that this could be repaired and moved Into the area to prevent ball games being played.

c) Youth Club proposal

A suggestion had come forward from Mrs M Brown, Assistant Headteacher Willingdon Community School in proposing a Youth provision at the School one Night a week. The cost would be divided between Polegate Town Council and Willingdon, Wannock and Jevington Council. The facilities that the School offer Could be of benefit. A discussion took place between all members and it was Felt that the timings of 5.30pm to 7.00pm were very early and that opening 52 Weeks a year was very optimistic.

It was resolved that a letter should be sent to Willingdon Community School asking for details to be clarified

d) Village Gateway Signs.

The meeting between ESCC and the Town Clerk had been noted. The Signs Would be moved by ESCC but no date had been made. It was felt that the cost Of the posts, if necessary, should be born by ESCC.

e) High Street Lamp Replacement

A letter had been received from QBE Insurance stating that they refer us to Their letter dated 22 April and confirms that they have nothing further to add. It was decided that this proposal be accepted and the Council to make up the Difference.

8655 Recreation Grounds including meadow, skate park, playground

a) Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground

i) Refurbishment of play equipment

The quotes that the Town Council have are dated 2006 and therefore new Quotes need to be gained from suppliers. It was discussed that funding from Grants should be looked into.

It was resolved that the Administrative Assistant should investigate the process to gain funding through grants and Lottery for the Refurbishment of play equipment.

b) Brightling Road

i) Alterations to the layout of Skatepark

The Clerk reported that she had a meeting with Evolution to discuss the Recent vandalism and also alterations to the park. Evolution are going to Send the Council quotes and pictures of their proposals. Meanwhile the Damage to the skatepark has been repaired.

The Clerk also reported that she had been approached by users of the dirt

Track. They are proposing to change and improve the track out of their own Pocket.

It was resolved that they should be invited to the next Committee meeting to put their proposal to the members.

ii) Tree Surveys

This should be completed every year. The Tree Survey entails all trees Owned by the Council to be tagged and plotted on to a chart. The trees can Then be monitored and any necessary work can be carried out.

The Clerk reported that only one quote had been received and they are Waiting for another two to be received although there was some concern Expressed over the possible annual inspection fee.

8656 Over 60's

a) Update on Mayors Summer Garden Party

The list for this event is now closed. Those attending should be wearing hats. Children from Polegate School and Willingdon Community School will be attending.

b) Over 60's Information Day

This will be organised by Cllr Mrs J Bigsby following on from the success of the Children's Day earlier on in the year. The proposed date would be Monday 7th September at Polegate Community Centre. All major services would be invited and all local business would be approached personally to ask if they wish to participate. The cost would be for the hire of the hall and Refreshments.

It was resolved that Cllr Mrs J Bigsby organise the Over 60's Information Day at Polegate Community Centre on Monday 7th September.

8657 Town Appearance

a) Litter Poster Campaign

It was discussed by all members that there seems to be a huge amount of litter In the Town. Although we have a litter picker employed by the Town Council he Can only be in one place at a time. Particular mention was given to three shops Owners in the town who seem to be doing a great deal to keep litter under Control and a letter of thanks would be sent to them.

It was resolved that Polegate School should be approached to participate in a Litter Poster Campaign.

8658 Hailsham Road Flower Beds

Cllr Mrs J Bigsby left the room

a) Sponsorship

There is one bed on Hailsham Road that has not got a sponsor.

It was resolved that a sign be made for the Town Council to be placed in the spare Flower bed advertising it for sponsorship.

Cllr Mrs J Bigsby returned to the room.

8659 Youth

a) Active Street Games Provision

The Council have been approached by the organiser to ask if we would like to have the Active Street Games in Polegate. The cost would be £240.

It was resolved that the Active Street Games be approved.

8660 Christmas Lights

The quotes from Ultralite had been received for the new icicle for the Town Council Office and the purchase of new LED lights for the tree outside Blazes. A discussion took place regarding the switching on of the Christmas Lights.

It was resolved that the quote from Ultralite be accepted and the lights would be switched on the third weekend of November.

8661 Correspondence

A letter had been received from a resident requesting that a seat be placed between the level crossing and opposite Burnside. It was felt by the Council that as we have a seat in our garage, we would look at this to see if it would be possible.

It was resolved that the Council should look into placing a seat in this location.

8662 Date of next meeting

22 July 2009 at 7.30pm