

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs John Rogers (Vice-Chair), G. Carter, M. Cunningham, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, A. Watkins and T. Wright

1 member of the public

8374 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S.Barber, Mrs Bigsby, J.Harmer, Mrs Joy, S.Shing, Mrs J Voyce, and T. Voyce.

8375 Declarations of interest

None

8376 Election of vice-chairman

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to invite Cllr. John Rogers to act in this capacity. Cllr Rogers indicated her agreement to this proposal.

8377 Opportunity for Public Comment

The member of public present did not wish to speak

8378 To consider future membership of the Committee

Members considered the membership of the committee and agreed that until the Annual Statutory Meeting in May the committee membership should remain as it is, i.e. all councillors being a member, this will allow all councillors time to decide how the membership of this committee should be formulated.

8379 Allotments

Members considered that it is vital that more allotment land be found as the Council still has a waiting list for the existing allotment plots. Cllr Mrs Berry felt that any new plots should be on the north side as there is development taking place in that area. The need for allotments should be fed into the Masterplan when it is reviewed to ensure that this need be taken in consideration when Council/District are considering the Local Development Framework.

8380 Buildings

No further action has been taken on the buildings at present

8381 Christmas Lights

It was resolved to retain the existing Christmas Light motifs until 2011.
It was resolved to accept the quotation from Ultralite for 2009/2010/2011

At a cost of £3595.00 +VAT for the installing and maintenance of the Christmas Lights in Polegate

8382 Gardens

It was resolved to accept the estimate from Europlants to supply, plant and maintain the flower beds at the Council Office at a cost of £250 +VAT with additional maintenance of £25 + VAT per month (4)

8383 Recreation Grounds including meadow, skate park, playgrounds

Members considered the proposed new roadway at Brightling Road Meadow the contribution which should be made by the Model Engineering Club.

It was agreed that the following information be put to the Club

- i) The Club will be offered a 10 year lease with a review condition at 5 years
- ii) The new rental will be set at £200 per annum which is a 100% increase on the existing lease – this is the Club’s contribution towards the new road.
- iii) Members were opposed to reinstating the gate or anti vehicle barrier at the bridge as requested by the Club.

8384 The over 60s (aka The retired)

Nothing to report

8385 Standing Orders Review – further amendments proposed to standing orders

This was referred until next month’s meeting in order that Cllr Watkins could prepare a report on this.

8386 Street Lighting – energy & maintenance

Nothing to report

8387 Traffic & Transport

Cllr Mrs Berry asked about various topics which had been discussed at the previous SLR – these would be matters arising at the next meeting in February.

8388 Youth

Cllr Mrs Bigsby had prepared a report which was noted.

8389 Review of Local Governance – to consider any changes to either parish boundaries/election wards

Members agreed to ask WDC to consider the following:-

There should be separate county councillors for the parish/town of Willingdon/Jevington and Polegate.

Watermill Ward should return to Polegate

The ward divisions for North and South Polegate should be examined.

8390 Date of the next meeting

17th February 2009 (new date)