

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Barber (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Bigsby, Cllr J Harmer, G Carter, S Shing, Cllr Mrs J Voyce, Cllr T Voyce, M Cunningham A Watkins, R Martin and Cllr Mrs Joy, Cllr Mrs M Piper,

1 members of the public

Before the Town Council proceeded there were two presentations.

The first was from Steve Puttock. He is the Chief Executive from the YMCA Eastbourne and Wealden. The aim of YMCA is "to provide free confidential one to one counselling for young people aged between 13 and 26 years of age, who live, work or study in Eastbourne and Wealden area".

Mr Puttock gave a very informative presentation which explained what the YMCA did and why it is needed.

The YMCA is looking for support from Polegate Town Council with the possibility of using a room within the Council Offices.

The Mayor thanked Mr Puttock for his presentation.

The second was from Mel Brown who is the Assistant Head Teacher at Willingdon Community School. Ms Brown has placed before the Council a proposal for providing increased provision for Young People in Willingdon and Polegate.

This proposal had been agreed in principle at a previous meeting of the Council. This further information gave the Council the ability to make a definite decision on the sum of money that was involved from Polegate Town Council in conjunction with Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council.

The Mayor thanked Mel Brown for her effort in presenting this proposal and informed both Ms Brown and Mr Puttock that the decision would be made by this Council this evening and they would be informed in due course of that decision.

The Mayor then declared the Council meeting in session.

Cllr S Shing joined the meeting

8762 Apologies for absence

Cllrs T Wright, J Rogers and Cllr Mrs C Berry

8763 Declarations of interest

Cllrs A Watkins, T Voyce, Mrs J Bigsby Mrs J Voyce - personal and non-prejudicial – Youth- Willingdon Community School

8764 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th July 2009

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

8765 Matters arising from the Meeting held on 13th July 2009

8696- Confidential Cllr T Voyce

8685 – Hailsham Road and Victoria Road – The road sign has been knocked down and is lying on the grass verge. Highways Authority are aware of the problem.

8766 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8767 Opportunity for Public Comment

No member of the public wished to comment.

8768 PCSO report

The report for July and August was circulated and noted. There were no PCSO's in attendance.

8769 District/County Councillors' Reports

No reports had been received by the Town Clerk before the meeting. The District and County Councillors were reminded that their reports should be received by the Town Clerk a week beforehand so they can be circulated with the Agendas.

It was resolved that the Town Clerk should write to the District and County Councillors reminding them that their reports should be received a week before a Full Council Meeting.

Cllr R Martin apologised for not sending in a report earlier but he was able to read a statement out to all Council Members. He stated that the Toilets in the High Street were being investigated and that the bird mess at the top of the High Street was in the process of being cleaned.

8770 Adoption of minutes from Standing Committees

Planning – 16th July, 11th August and 7th September

General Purposes – 22nd July

Finance – 27th July

Full Council – 11th August – Confidential

Full Council – 17th August

Planning - 8704 – Cornmill Gardens – This is not within Polegates Boundary.

General Purposes – 8715 – Litter Campaign – This has been offered to all local schools as a home project.

General Purposes – 8718 – Youth – The proposal of the Youth Provision at Willingdon Community School had been agreed in principle.

It was resolved that a letter would be sent to Mel Brown from Willingdon Community School to state that Polegate Town Council would support this provision with the funding that is required in conjunction with Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council for the first year of the project.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Mr Steve Puttock stating that in principle the Council would support this idea and therefore would like to work closely with the YMCA to see what support we could help with.

Finance – 8730 – Web Hosting package – the resolution should have read – It was resolved that the Admin Assistant would purchase the programme on behalf of the Council.

Full Council – 8747 confidential

Full Council – 8750 – Toilets in the High Street – This will be discussed as a separate agenda item.

Full Council - 8751 – Local Development Framework – The Council expressed their thanks to Cllr Mrs Voyce for the work that was needed to carry out this as the problem was that only 1500 characters were allowed for each question. This did not come to light until you were ready to submit the answers to the options. The Councils annoyance on this matter has been expressed to Wealden District Council.

It was resolved that a full version of Polegate Town Councils response to the Local Development Framework should be sent to Wealden District Council immediately.

It was resolved that the minutes from these meetings were adopted.

8771 Community Governance Review

The ward divisions for North and South Polegate are being examined by Wealden District Council, and any additional views of Polegate Town Council are being sort.

This item will be held over until the General Purposes Committee on 23rd July to be discussed as no papers had been received by Councillors.

It was resolved that the Town Clerk would send all relevant paperwork to all members of the Council in time for the General Purposes Committee.

8772 Toilets – High Street Polegate

A letter had been received by the Town Clerk from Wealden District Council stating that any refurbishment of the public toilets would not be carried out in the near future as they were not a priority. They would, however, try and manage the front of the toilets so that all the weeds would be cleared. The Town Clerk has now got a copy of the cleaning schedule which will be monitored closely by the office.

It was resolved that Polegate Town Council would monitor the weeds outside the toilets and if they are not cleared by the week commencing 21 September then the matter would be dealt with.

8773 To consider recording council meetings and the purchase of suitable equipment

This item would be held over until the next Full Council meeting on 12th October 2009.

8774 Councillors Question Time

Cllr Harmer asked if the County Councillor had any news on when the Pedestrian Lights at Cophall Roundabout were going to be moved as this had been delayed from August. The Town Clerk was able to give the answer. The date was now provisionally booked as mid October. The delay was due to the speed limit not being set by ESCC.

8775 Youth

The Youth Report had been circulated by Cllr Mrs J Bigsby at the meeting. A Report from Active Street Games had also been circulated. There had been a Disappointing turnout for this activity within Polegate. The Active Street Game Had been provided by Hastings Borough Council and it was paid for by Polegate.

It was decided that this would be looked at again to see if it was value for money If it was offered next year.

Wealden District Council had also provided activities in Polegate over the Summer Break and this had been received more favourably within the Town. They have a Approached the Council and have asked if they can run a session in the October Half term.

It was resolved that Wealden District Council be allowed to run an activity session in the October half term for the youth. This will be held at Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground.

8776 Over 60's

The information day at the Community Centre had been a great success. A feedback form had been given out to all visitors and exhibitors. The results were circulated to the members of the Council. Cllrs Mrs Jonica Fox, Vice Chair of Wealden District Council was very impressed by what Polegate Town Council had done. Mr Norman Baker MP was equally impressed.

It was resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to all Councillors that helped at this event but special thanks go to Cllr Mrs J Bigsby and Mrs J Ognjanovic for all their hard work in making this event such a success.

8777 Financial Report

a) Approval of accounts for payment

The Accounts were approved

b) Monthly financial update

This was noted by members.

8778 Town Clerk's Report including Health & Safety Report

The Town Clerk read the report that she had prepared and apologised for The lateness. The clerk reported that the office had been changed round But more work was still yet to be completed. The Clerk reported that she She had attended the New Clerks Course over the weekend which had Been very informative and interesting.

The clerk also mentioned that work was going to be carried out along the Cuckoo trail by the Ranger in relation to some trees which are over Hanging Polegate School's playground.

8779 Correspondence for Information/Action

The Clerk read an email from Inter-route stating that Phase 1 on the south bound Carriageway of Hailsham Road (B2247) works involving the repairing the Environmental bund would be starting the week commencing 28th September. Phase 2 would be started on 18th January 2010.

8780 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor stated that the trip to the Houses of Parliament was very informative and enjoyed by all.

The Mayors Christmas Party would be held on Tuesday 8th December at St Johns Hall from 2pm to 4pm. The list would be opened in the office and anyone wishing to attend could contact them to place the name on the list.

8781 Date of the next cycle of meetings

Personnel 15th September 7.00pm
General Purposes 23rd September 7.30pm
Full Council 12th October 7.30pm

8782 Resolution to take business into confidential session

It was resolved that due to the confidential nature of the next business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the rest of the meeting.

CIlr S Shing left the meeting.