

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 8th September 2008 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Barber (Mayor), Mrs C Berry, Mrs J Bigsby, G. Carter, M. Cunningham, J. Harmer, Mrs D. Joy, R. Martin, Mrs M. Piper, J. Rogers, Mrs J. Voyce, T. Voyce, A. Watkins and T. Wright

2 members of the public, 1 member of the press

In attendance: PCSO Alison Beaden, Sussex Police

8186 Apologies

None

8187 Councillors not present

Cllr S Shing

8188 Declarations of interest

None

8189 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 July 2008

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

8190 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 July 2008

Minutes 8137 – Cllr Mrs Berry – asked if any contact had been made with the school over the construction of bat boxes – the Clerk informed Cllr Berry that no contact had been made due to the school holidays but she had every intention of prioritising the item.

8136 – Cllr Harmer - Boys on motorcycles – a response had been received in the PCSO's report.

8191 Notification of any items to be dealt with as urgent

None

8192 In order to allow the Councillors/PSCO to comment on PSCO Alison Beaden report it was resolved to suspend standing orders.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Cllr Mrs Bigsby asked about the thefts which had occurred – PCSO Beaden Reported that these were mainly from the supermarkets and petrol from Garage forecourts.

Members commented that parking was still an issue. Some of the new Double yellow lines had not been completed and this was making any Form of enforcement difficult. PCSO Beaden commented that the enforcement of the two hour parking restrictions was not always feasible or a priority for the PCSOs.

Cllr Mrs Berry was concerned about traffic coming down the wrong side of the road when the gates were shut – the traffic police have been told about this but the outcome of a court case is awaited as it may form a precedent. PCSO Beaden confirmed that speed checks cannot be carried out in the High Street by the barrier.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

8193 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Roy Martin reported for the District and County. A petition had been signed by many concerned residents in the Western Avenue/Station Road area and a site meeting had been held with a County Officer but no formal decision had been made as yet. The contractors who had partially installed the double yellow lines had been asked to return a.s.a.p.

Wealden District Council had sent letters to Parish Councils about the K(telephone boxes in their areas. Electric blanket testing would be Taking place and Polegate was on the schedule. Wealden had written to Landowners in the District asking them to identify land which could be available for development.

Cllr Voyce asked Cllr Martin about further information on the Hailsham Eastbourne Triangle and what decisions may have been made. Cllr Martin had no further information as the Executive Panel had met but no report as yet had been received.

Cllr Voyce also asked where the Liberal Democrats had received their information from as they had recently published about 11,000 new homes being 'dumped' on Polegate. Cllr Watkins replied that these figures were the result of the regional housing figure being increased. Both Cllr Watkins and Cllr Martin agreed to come up with the figures are broken down and the sources.

8194 Update from Standing Committees and Working Groups

Council noted the reports from the following working groups:-
Traffic & Transport

8195 Adoption of Minutes from Standing Committees

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the following committees:-
Extraordinary Council Meeting 12 August 2008 with an amendment taken under confidential business.

Planning Committee held on 22 July and 19 August 2008

Finance Committee 3rd September 2008

The Clerk will provide Cllr Mrs Berry clarification of the cost of the photocopier.

In future all confidential minutes will be printed and circulated on yellow Paper.

8196 Retention of Documents Policy

It was resolved to adopt and accept the Policy as circulated to members

8197 Noise Bund Slip – Hailsham Road

Members were extremely concerned that even though Interroute were aware of the problem and they were to carry out a geotechnical investigation with remedial design, they will only be trying to secure funding to undertake the necessary work in 2009/2010 financial year. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Norman Baker MP, Interroute and ESCC Highways and express the concerns of the Council over this matter to see if a speedy resolution to this possibly dangerous situation can be resolved.

8198 WDC – Future arrangements for the provision of Public Conveniences – Consultation/Questionnaire

Members resolved that the toilets should remain open and in control of Wealden District Council who should provide and maintain them to a satisfactory standard.

8199 Polegate and District Model Engineering Club – proposed improvements to site

This was referred to Confidential Business for further discussion.

8200 To approve change in working group membership:-

Cllr Cunningham is to leave Buildings and join Traffic & Transport
Cllr Watkins is to join Traffic & Transport
Cllr Harmer is to join Buildings

8201 Financial Report

a) Approval of accounts for payment

Council considered the schedules of Accounts for Payment and the accounts for payment were approved.

Cllr Mrs Berry queried a payment for Christmas Lights so late after the event – the Clerk explained that it had been an oversight on behalf of EDF

b) Monthly financial update

Members considered the financial information and the following breakdowns were requested by Cllr Mrs Berry – 4045 Expenditure on subscriptions, 4170 expenditure on 51 High Street.

8202 Town Clerk's Report

It was agreed to ensure members received a copy of the minutes immediately on their production.

Polegate Community Association: AGM – 26th November

St John's Church Fun Day 27th September 2007 10 – 4pm Willingdon Community School. Thank you letter for Mayor's support for the

Break from Routine.

Mrs June Gasson – thank you letter from ESDA and asking if anyone knew anyone who would take over from her.

8203 Correspondence noted (copies circulated with agendas)

- i) Invitation to East Sussex Downs and Wealden PCT AGM –
Thursday 25th September 2008 1.30 – 4.30 at International
Lawn Tennis Centre Eastbourne.
- ii) Action in Rural Sussex AGM – 7th November at Ardingly.
- iii) WDC - Parish Conference 11th November 2008
- iv) WDC – on retention of telephone boxes
Members resolved to write to English Heritage to protect the telephone
Box (K6) in Brightling Road Polegate.
- v) ESCC – Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme for information
- vi) WDC- Electric Blanket Testing 14th October 2 – 4.00p.m.
Publications for noting/distribution
St John’s Ambulance – Annual report 2007
Sussex Housing & Care – Annual review 2007 -08
NALC – LCR Volume 60, No.3

8204 Communications from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reminded members about the Christmas Dinner.

8205 Date of the next cycle of meetings

- 9th September 7.00p.m. – LDF Update
- 17th September 5.30p.m. – Youth Group
- 18th September 7.00p.m. – Buildings Group
- 23rd September 5.30p.m. - Leisure Group
- 24th September 1.30p.m. – Personnel
- 25th September 2.00p.m. - Christmas Lights Group

8206 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.