

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

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

2 members of the public

8493 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Shing, Mrs Voyce and T Wright

8494 Declarations of interest

Youth – Cllrs Mrs Bigsby, Rogers, Watkins – personal and non-prejudicial

Gardens – Cllr Mrs Bigsby – prejudicial

Recreation Grounds – Cllr Voyce – personal and non-prejudicial

8495 Opportunity for Public Comment

The members of the public did not wish to speak

8496 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2009.

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

8497 Matters arising from the meeting held on 17th February 2009

None

8498 Buildings

a) To consider repairs to roof on side store at council offices.

It was agreed that a similar material to that at present would be used in the repair – the work would be carried out by the handyman.

b) Replacement door and frames at Wannock Road Pavilion

The fire doors and frames at the end of the large room are need of repair – the work has been discussed between Cllr Voyce and Mr Hill (handyman) and will be carried out in the near future.

8499 Gardens

Cllr Bigsby left the room

It was then resolved to accept the estimate from Europlants to carry out the new planting and maintenance on the beds in Hailsham Road.

This agreement would run for one year to see how the gardens look for this season. This would then be diarised for next year.

Cllr Bigsby returned

8500 Recreation Grounds including meadow, skate park, playgrounds

Members discussed the new road which the Model Engineering Club had requested – 3 estimates had now been received. The Clerk reported that she had heard that the Club may be moving. Members felt that further discussions on the road etc should be deferred until April's meeting to enable the Clerk to obtain any facts on this possible move.

It was agreed to mend the equipment at Oakleaf Play Area either by the handyman or by outside contractors.

The memorial plaque for the Recreation Ground would be discussed at next month's meeting when members would have more time to consider what form this plaque should take and where it should be sited.

8501 Youth

The proposal from Willingdon Community School to run a Youth Club is at a very preliminary stage, Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council have been approached to fund one youth worker and this has been referred to their Council for further discussion, but nothing has been finalised.

Discussions are on going within the school with further ideas evolving at present. No decisions have been made about how the provision might look or how it might work.

8502 The over 60s

The Garden Party has been arranged for Monday 18th June 2009 at St John's Church – it will be an afternoon cream tea format – hats will be worn! Willingdon Community School have offered waiters, waitresses and musical accompaniments the offer has been accepted. Cllr Rogers will liaise with the Junior School to see if they wish to support this Party with singers etc.

8503 Traffic & Transport

a) Report on SLR – members noted the report from the SLR meeting which Cllr Harmer felt was a very positive meeting with a lot being achieved. Cllr Harmer reported that Council had written to Norman Baker MP regarding the noise bund slip and the time frame which the Highways Agency had given the Council for its repair – September 2009 – the letter requested his help in keeping the Highways Agency to that date.

b) Village Maintenance Teams

Members gave the Clerk several suggestions for the ESCC Maintenance Team to carry out around the Town. These would be conveyed to ESCC.

8504 To consider the provision of a Summer Festival

Members discussed the idea of a Summer Festival following a request from Mr Shadick, however members felt that although they supported this idea in principle they could not facilitate it and felt that it was best left to an outside group to organise this type of event. Cllr Bigsby reported that 1st Scout Group were organising on 16 May 2009 a children's day at St John's Church this would encompass many of the ideas put forward by Mr Shadick. It was intended that the children's day would showcase many of the children's activities available in Polegate with each of them being invited to take a stand or activity. Any monies raised would be used to support the Kenyan Scouts.

8505 Date of the next meeting

22nd April 2009