



# TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **AMENITIES & CIVIC CENTRE COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors: Mr T Armour, Ms L Hallett, Mr J Harris,  
Mr P Howson, Mr R Maskell, Mr B Page,  
Mr J Page, Mrs B Sawyers, Mr A Smith

*No members of the public were present.*

## **286. TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN**

Cllr J Harris proposed and Cllr B Sawyers seconded the nomination of Cllr L Hallett as Chairman, and when put to the vote 2 members were in favour.

Cllr R Maskell proposed and Cllr J Page seconded the nomination of Cllr A Smith as Chairman of the Committee. All were in favour and Cllr A Smith was elected as Chairman.

## **287. TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr B Page proposed and Cllr J Harris seconded the nomination of Cllr L Hallett as Vice Chairman. All were in favour and Cllr L Hallett was elected as Vice Chairman.

## **288. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr T Banning due to his continuing illness and this reason for absence was accepted by the Committee.

## **289. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from the members present.

## **290. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved by the Committee and signed as correct by the Chairman

## **291. MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 281, p 1625 – It was noted that nothing further had been heard from Tesco's regarding siting of a notice board outside the shop.

Minute 284, p 1626 – Cllr Hallett advised that due to the high cost of a conifer for the front of the Civic Centre, this matter would not be taken further.

Minute 285, p 1626 – The Acting Clerk advised that the contractors had been requested to reduce the height of the hedge in the car park by 1', and also to cut back the front and side edges.



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## **292. TO NOTE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SITE DIRECTIONS**

The meeting considered and noted the site directions. It was **agreed** that members did not require individual copies. The Clerk advised that despite chasing the contractors and being assured works on the site directions would be carried out, this had not happened and works were behind by several weeks. The Chairman and Cllr J Page requested the Clerk set up a meeting with the contractors.

## **293. TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENT FOR BENCH IN LONGRIDGE AVENUE**

Following discussion the Committee **agreed** not to install a replacement bench at this site.

## **294. TO APPROVE WORKS TO TREES IN CHATSWORH PARK AS REQUESTED BY MLL TELECOM**

Discussion ensued regarding the emails received from MLL Telecom to cut back several trees in Chatsworth Park which they claimed were interfering with a wireless internet link between two local primary schools to the ESCC's NGN. The Acting Clerk confirmed she had replied to MLL Telecom advising the Council did not give permission for the trees to be cut back. Several queries were raised and it was **agreed** to write a holding letter requesting further information to MLL Telecom.

Cllr P Howson advised he had spoken to someone at ESCC regarding the link and was awaiting a reply.

## **295. UPDATE ON CURRENT AND FUTURE CIVIC CENTRE WORKS**

Cllr Maskell advised that a quote from an electrician would be required to move electrics in the cupboard next to the kitchen to enable the kitchen extension, and he would organise these. Following discussion and unanimous agreement it was

**RESOLVED** to set up a working group regarding the kitchen extension comprising Cllrs R Maskell, B Page, J Page and A Smith.

It was noted that the old notice board from Telscombe Village had been removed and it was proposed by Cllr T Armour, seconded by Cllr B Sawyers and

**RESOLVED** to use this at the front of the Civic Centre rather than purchase a new board.

## **296. TO CONSIDER AUTOMATIC OPENING FRONT DOORS FOR THE CIVIC CENTRE**

It was noted that automatic opening front doors were desirable for disabled access and it was **agreed** to obtain quotes for this work.

## **297. TO CONSIDER PA SYSTEM FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

It was considered that with the removal of the Council Chamber wall, a PA system may be required to enable people sitting at the back of the room to hear. Cllr J Page advised he would



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## 297. Contd. To Consider PA System for the Council Chamber

be happy to obtain quotes for this work. It was proposed by Cllr Hallett, seconded by Cllr Howson and

**RESOLVED** that Cllr J Page obtain quotes for a PA system for the Council Chamber.

## 298. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS AS URGENT

The Committee was pleased to note that the new MP, Simon Kirby, wanted to hold some of his surgeries at the Civic Centre.

The Committee thanked Cllrs R Maskell and A Smith for their assistance in installing the new energy saving boilers at the weekend.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Signed .....

CHAIRMAN - Cllr A Smith

NB The next meeting of the Committee will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010 commencing at 7.30 pm**