

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 14th July 2009** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr R Maskell (**Mayor**)
Mr P Howson (**Deputy Mayor**)
Mr T Armour, Ms L Hallett
Mr J Harris, Mr D Neighbour
Mr B Page, Ms M Pepper
Mrs B Sawyers, Mr A Smith

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr T Banning, Mr J Livings, Mr J Page

The meeting was adjourned at 7.30 pm to take questions from members of the public.

Members of the public were invited to address the meeting by the Chairman. A resident raised a query in respect of the report from Abbeylands and asked if Mr Milton would be attending a meeting to go through the report. The Chairman advised that arrangements would be made for Mr Milton to attend a future meeting. A question was raised in respect of the options available to the County Council in respect of the bunding removal following a presentation at a recent meeting of the Tye Commons Advisory Committee. The questioner raised the need for consultation. The Clerk advised that schematic plans for removal had been received from the County Council and these would be available for inspection after the meeting. Cllr Howson advised he would discuss the situation with Mr Robertson the County Council's Deputy Director of Policy, Transport and Environment. Cllr Armour advised that support for the County Council proposal to initially remove 80% of the bunding had come from residents at the meeting of the Tye Commons Advisory Committee.

The colonisation of the new bunding by plant life was raised. A resident reported that a recent study by a local wild plant expert had shown that plant colonisation was taking place in some areas of the new bunding.

A statement of disappointment was made by a resident in respect of the comments concerning the former Town Clerk made by a Committee Chairman at the Annual Town meeting. The Chairman advised that the relevant Committee had apologised to the former Town Clerk.

A questioner asked for clarification in respect of the "technical delays" associated with the new Southern Water Treatment works. Cllr Howson advised that work is underway on some stages of the project and that survey work is being undertaken in the Peacehaven and Telscombe stages. Cllr Howson advised it was likely to be 2-3 years before completion of the Peacehaven section of the project.

The length of cut of the cliff top grass was queried. Concerns were expressed that the grass had been cut too short and did not comply with the requirements set by English Nature. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from Lewes District Council. It was suggested that the recent prolonged period of dry weather had prevented the grass growing.

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417. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTEREST

None.

418. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29th JUNE 2009

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

419. MATTERS ARISING

None

420. REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: -

(a) GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2009

The meeting **agreed** that the minutes from the above meeting be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

(b) PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2009

The Chairman and Vice Chairman being absent, Cllr Armour requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Harris and it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

421. NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS 1ST TO 30TH JUNE 2009

RESOLVED that payments of £23,414.60 be approved and receipts of £6,826.86 be noted.

422. TO CO-OPT A COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE TELSCOMBE CLIFFS WARD VACANCY

Cllr Howson proposed that Mr Andy Smith be co-opted onto the Town Council to fill the vacancy in the Telscombe Cliffs Ward. Cllr Hallett seconded the proposal and it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Mr Andy Smith be co-opted onto the Town Council. Mr Smith was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Mr Smith signed his formal declaration of office which was counter signed by the Town Clerk. Mr Smith joined the meeting.

423. TO CONFIRM PROMOTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK TO DEPUTY TOWN CLERK FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CILCA QUALIFICATION

The Chairman proposed that this item should be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee as a confidential item. The Town Clerk expressed regret that he had included the

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423. Contd. To Confirm Promotion of Assistant Town Clerk to Deputy Town Clerk Following Successful Completion of Cilca Qualification

item on the agenda. The meeting **agreed** to this proposal to consider the item at the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

424. REPORTS FROM:-

(a) THE MAYOR

The Mayor advised he had recently attended the Donkey Derby event at Peacehaven and a reception hosted by the Chairman of the County Council in Lewes.

(b) THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor advised he had attended the following events on behalf of the Mayor - a Civic Garden party hosted by the High Sheriff of East Sussex, a reception on board HMS Ranger and a Civic event organised by Seaford Town Council to mark Armed Forces Day.

(c) COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no formal reports from County Councillors as Cllr Livings was absent and Cllr Howson had been away on leave. A query was raised in respect of the resurfacing of part of the A259 and the reinstatement of the speed camera adjacent to the Tye. Cllr Howson advised that East Sussex County Council had undertaken to resurface the area of road causing concern. Cllr Howson further advised that the speed camera would be returned but there were technical difficulties in sighting it which were being addressed. Cllr Howson told the meeting that no further work would be done on bus lanes in the County until the problems associated with the A259 had been resolved. Cllr Howson further advised that the temporary removal of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction may exacerbate existing issues with the road. Cllr Howson reported that the bus company had reported a 20% increase in passengers since the implementation of the bus lane and this illustrated the environmental benefits of the scheme.

In response to a query on repairing the damaged grass verges, Cllr Howson requested a list of locations that he could take to the Highways Department

(d) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Chairman reported that the District Council Cabinet was considering a report on the Saltdean Residents Association's request for a boundary change that would unite Saltdean under one principal authority today.

Cllr Pepper highlighted the proposals from Brighton and Hove City Council in a recent core strategy consultation for increased housing at Brighton Marina and the Falmer Woodingdean gap. Cllr Pepper emphasised the need for Councillors to make a firm response to the proposals.

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(e) **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed
Mayor, Cllr R Maskell

NB The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15th September 2009** commencing at **7.30 pm.**