

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of THE ANNUAL MEETING of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 18th May 2010** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 8.30 pm.

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

500. TO ELECT THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2010-11 AND TO RECEIVE HIS/HER DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr R Maskell was nominated as Mayor and there being no other nominations, was unanimously elected. Cllr Maskell signed his declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Councillors for their assistance over the last year. Cllr Maskell also had special thanks for the Mayoress for her support during his previous term of office.

501. TO ELECT THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2010-11 AND TO RECEIVE HIS/HER DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr L Hallett was nominated as Deputy Mayor and there being no other nominations, was unanimously elected. Cllr Hallett signed her declaration of acceptance of office and thanked fellow Councillors for their nomination.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.04 pm to take questions from members of the public.

In response to his question, a local resident was informed that the Council had not heard from the Police regarding a recent fly tipping incident, and he was thanked for his assistance in clearing the rubbish.

A member of the public queried why the minutes are not up-to-date on the website and he was informed this was due to staff shortages.

A member of the public asked for a breakdown of the figures for rubbish clearance on the Tye since the removal of the bunding and he was informed that had been no cost. He also queried if there was any progress to prevent vehicular access to the southern end of the Tye and he was informed that a Kent gap would be installed shortly.

A member of the public asked why grazing was allowed on the Tye when there are nesting skylarks, as other local areas display no grazing notices. He was informed that a management plan was being progressed with Natural England for the Tye and would see if nesting skylarks were highlighted as an issue.

A local resident congratulated Cllr Maskell for being elected as Mayor and queried why she had not received a response to a recent letter she had sent to him. The Mayor replied that the letter did not require an answer from him, and he would pass it to the Councillor in question for a response.

A member of the public expressed disappointment at a lack of Council representation at a meeting a few weeks ago regarding Saltdean Lido and felt that certain Councillors should resign if they are not willing to take an active role, especially Cllr Pepper who had not been seen for months. He was informed that Cllr Pepper had been in attendance at several recent Town Council meetings and that the Council had several representatives at a meeting that week regarding Saltdean Lido.

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Contd. Public Question Time

A member of the public asked if it was legal for Bob Milton to hold Council money for works to be undertaken for the Council, to which he was informed that the money had never belonged to the Council and Bob Milton had negotiated funding from EDF to do the work in question.

Mr J Carden advised he had contacted the Working Horse Trust regarding harrowing and seeding of the Tye and would advise the Council of costs in due course.

The meeting resumed at 8.24 pm.

502. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Tim Banning due to his continuing illness and this reason for absence was accepted by the Council. Apologies were also received from Marina Pepper.

503. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTEREST

Cllr Neighbour advised an interest in a property at 43 Lincoln Avenue in case anything arose regarding Southern Water.

504. TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES:-

It was unanimously

RESOLVED to appoint the following members to Committees:-

- (a) **Amenities & Civic Centre**
Cllrs T Armour, T Banning, L Hallett, J Harris, P Howson, R Maskell, B Page, J Page, B Sawyers, A Smith
- (b) **Planning & Highways**
Cllrs T Armour, T Banning, L Hallett, J Livings, R Maskell, B Sawyers, A Smith
- (c) **Policy & Resources**
Cllrs T Armour, L Hallett, P Howson, J Livings, R Maskell, D Neighbour, B Page, J Page, B Sawyers, A Smith
- (d) **Telscombe Village Club (Sub-Committee of P&R)**
Cllrs T Armour, L Hallett, J Livings, R Maskell, B Sawyers
- (e) **Grants (Sub-Committee of P&R)**
Cllrs L Hallett, P Howson, R Maskell, J Page, A Smith
- (f) **Audit (Sub-Committee of P&R)**
Cllrs L Hallett, P Howson, R Maskell, B Page, J Page
- (g) **Employment (Sub-Committee of P&R)**
Cllr L Hallett, P Howson, R Maskell, B Page, J Page, A Smith

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505. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was unanimously

RESOLVED to appoint the following Councillor representatives on outside bodies:-

- (a) **Age Concern** - Cllr J Livings & Cllr P Howson
- (b) **British Legion** - Cllr L Hallett
- (c) **Crime Prevention Panel** - Cllr T Armour
- (d) **East Sussex Association for the Blind** - Cllr T Banning
- (e) **Emergency Planning Team** - Cllr T Armour & Cllr P Howson
- (f) **Lewes District Association of Local & Parish Councils** - Cllr D Neighbour & Cllr A Smith
- (g) **Neighbourhood Watch** - Cllr J Harris
- (h) **Peacehaven & Telscombe Access Group** - Cllr T Banning & Cllr L Hallett
- (i) **Peacehaven & Telscombe Regeneration Project** - Cllr D Neighbour & Cllr M Pepper
- (j) **Peacehaven & Telscombe Towns Forum** - Cllr J Livings
- (k) **Saltdean Residents Association** - Cllr B Page, Cllr L Hallett & Cllr J Harris
- (l) **Sussex Association of Local Councils** - Cllr R Maskell & Cllr A Smith
- (m) **Telscombe Residents Association** - Cllr A Smith & Cllr T Armour
- (n) **Tye Commons Advisory Group** - Cllr T Banning, Cllr R Maskell & Cllr A Smith

506. TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FALLING TO BE PAID ANNUALLY

It was

RESOLVED to renew the following annual subscriptions for 2010/11:-

Sussex Association of Local Councils
National Association of Local Councils
Society of Local Council Clerks
Peacehaven Chamber of Commerce
Lewes District Association of Local & Parish Councils
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Open Spaces Society

507. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2010

Cllr Livings advised alteration was required to clarify Minute 496 (e) paragraph 2. The Deputy Clerk advised that this alteration had been done. The minutes of the above meeting were therefore approved and signed as correct by the Mayor.

508. MATTERS ARISING

None.

509. TO RECEIVE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

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(a) **Planning & Highways – Wednesday 17th March 2010**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Sawyers and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

(b) **Planning & Highways – Wednesday 7th April 2010**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Hallett and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

(c) **Planning & Highways – Wednesday 28th April 2010**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Hallett and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

Regarding minute 845, Cllr Livings confirmed that he attended the meeting and that there will be a public consultation on 8th June at Peacehaven Town Council offices from 2.30-7.30pm.

(d) **Policy & Resources – Monday 10th May 2010**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Howson and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

510. NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1st TO 31st MARCH AND 1st TO 30th APRIL 2010

RESOLVED that payments of £30,107.07 for the period 1st to 31st March be approved and receipts of £2,683.17 for the same period be noted and that payments of £19,501.45 for the period 1st to 30th April be approved and receipts of £138,425.32 for the same period be noted.

511. TO NOTE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO 31ST MARCH 2010

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure accounts for the Council to 31st March 2010 be noted.

512. CHAIRMAN TO SIGN COUNCIL'S BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010

Cllr Neighbour proposed that the Council's balance sheet for the financial year ending 31st March 2010 be signed by the Chairman, it was seconded by Cllr J Page and

RESOLVED that the balance sheet be signed by the Chairman, which he so did.



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513. TO NOTE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31st MARCH 2010

RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for the Council at 31st March 2010 be noted.

514. REPORTS FROM:-

(a) The Mayor

The Mayor advised he had attended the inaugural meeting for the Mayor of Brighton.

(b) Deputy Mayor

Cllr Howson advised he had attended the Mayor of Peacehaven's Civic Service on 9th May.

(c) County Councillors

Cllr Livings advised that ESCC, Brighton & Hove City Council and The Sussex University are carrying out a public consultation regarding a project to build a new Historical Resource Centre called The Keep. He would leave information with the Town Clerk.

Cllr Livings also advised that resurfacing work to Sutton Avenue in Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs Way is to be done and would result in severe driving restrictions.

In response to a comment by a Councillor regarding grass overgrowing the pavement resulting in problems pushing children's buggies, Cllr Livings advised that Councillors could request assistance from the Community Payback Scheme to remedy this. He advised he would leave details of the scheme with the Town Clerk.

Regarding parking on grass verges Cllr Livings advised there is a byelaw for no parking on grass verges. It is up to the Town Council to put up signs advising no parking and a design is currently being approved by ESCC at which time the byelaw can then be enforced by the Police.

Cllr Livings advised that ESCC is backing the referendum on the Saltdean boundary review. The Boundary Commission is currently under review and the earliest they would start to make any reviews would be April 2011, but there is no guarantee that Saltdean would have priority at that point.

Cllr Livings advised of a proposed transport hub which would combine 3 railway stations into one, have a taxi rank and car parking as part of Newhaven's regeneration. He would leave details with the Town Clerk.

Cllr Howson advised that the Trading Standards had issued a warning of a postmark hallmark computer virus which was very bad.

Cllr Neighbour asked if there had been any progress regarding 20 mph speed limits within the local schools area. Cllr Howson advised it was difficult for Highways to prove that they are needed, but that he would try to progress this matter.

(d) District Councillors

Cllr Maskell advised that the new Chair of Lewes District is Caroline Lambert and the Deputy Chair is Steve Saunders.

(e) Representatives on Outside Bodies

The meeting was advised that the next meeting of the Peacehaven & Telscombe Towns Forum would be at 12.30 pm on Friday 21st May in Peacehaven Library. John Awdry from 4D would be a guest speaker. Minutes of the last meeting were to be left with the Town Clerk.

515. RESOLVE THE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING. FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS ACT 1960 SECTION 1

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CONFIDENTIAL

516. TO APPROVE AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2010

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as correct by the Mayor.

517. TO RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10th MAY 2010

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Howson and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

Cllr Neighbour congratulated the Council regarding the proposed cost cutting initiatives.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed
Mayor, Cllr R Maskell

NB The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 commencing at **7.30 pm**.