

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 19th January 2010** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr T Banning, Mr B Page
Ms M Pepper

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

A questioner requested the minutes of the meeting of 11th November be changed to reflect that "several members of the public asked questions." The Chairman advised that this would be done.

A questioner raised the ongoing problem of vehicles parking on the verges and the lack of Police action against offenders. There was a discussion concerning the legality of parking on the verges. The poor state of the verge at the junction of Telscombe Cliffs Way and St Peters Road was highlighted as an area of special concern. A resident advised that the Police had said it was not unlawful to park on the verges. Councillor Neighbour suggested that the matter may be covered by a local Bye Law and East Sussex County Council needed to be contacted for information. Cllr Howson was in liaison with the local Police commander re the problem. Broken curb stones in Highview Road were reported, following the recent snow.

A questioner asked if the Council would be signing up to the ten/ten carbon emissions concordat. The Chairman advised the Council had no plans currently to do so. A questioner asked why the recent precept setting meeting was held after a motion to exclude the press and public. The Chairman advised the item required detailed discussion of confidential information in respect of individual staff salaries.

A questioner asked if the present administration supported the level of accountable services provided linked to the level of Council Tax. The Clerk said Council Tax was spread across three local Government tiers and the Chairman asked if the question could be put in writing.

481. **TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTEREST**

None.

482. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2009**

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

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483. MATTERS ARISING FOR NOTING

None.

484. TO CONSIDER MAKING A REQUEST TO LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR A REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ELEVEN

The meeting considered a proposal to reduce the number of Town Councillors from thirteen to eleven and:-

RESOLVED to make a request to Lewes District Council to reduce in the number of Town Councillors from thirteen to eleven

485. REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: -

(a) POLICY AND RESOURCES WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2009

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

(b) AMENITIES AND CIVIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2009

The Chairman 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

(c) PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2009

Councillor Harris presented 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

(d) POLICY AND RESOURCES FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2009

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

486. NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2009

RESOLVED that payments of £22,922.02 for December 2009 be approved and receipts of £2,506.82 for December 2009 be noted.

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497. TO NOTE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2009

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure accounts to 30th November be noted.

488. REPORTS FROM: -

(a) THE MAYOR

The Mayor advised he had nothing to report.

(b) THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor advised he had nothing to report.

(c) COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Howson advised that a lot of meetings had been cancelled due to the bad weather.

(d) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Maskell reported that it was unlikely the District Council would recover any money invested in the failed Icelandic bank. Cllr Maskell advised Cllr Gardiner had been nominated for the District representative on the new National Park Authority. Cllr Maskell also reported that the free swimming scheme had been extended for a further year

(e) REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies as planned meetings had to be cancelled due to the bad weather.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

Signed
Mayor, Cllr R Maskell

NB The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th March 2010** commencing at **7.30 pm.**