

Minutes of a meeting of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 20th January 2009** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr R Field, Mr B 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 advised he had compiled a list of missing and damaged signs in East Saltdean and asked which Council was responsible for maintenance. Cllr Howson agreed to pass the list to the County Council highways department for action. A further issue was raised in respect of the damage being caused to grass verges by illegal parking. Concern was expressed that CPSOs might be ignoring the problem; Cllr Howson also agreed to take this matter up with the Police. The issue of poor quality road surfaces in East Saltdean was raised by a resident. The resident was requested to refer details to the Town Council who held regular meetings with the County Council highways department to look at specific issues. The meeting was also advised that any urgent issues such as damaged verges could be sent to the Town Council for forwarding to the County.

A question was raised in respect of the amount paid to the Council's Land agent. The Town Clerk agreed to send a written response. A resident asked if the ownership of the foreshore adjacent to the Portobello treatment works had been established. The Town Clerk advised that he had established that the District Council had no interest in the area and was now trying to establish if the County Council or Southern water owned the area. A speaker suggested that the area could be in the ownership of Brighton and Hove City Council.

A member of Peacehaven Residents Opposed to Urban Development (PROUD) updated the meeting in respect of the legal process being taken to challenge the decision of the Secretary of State to grant planning permission for the new wastewater treatment works. The meeting was advised that an additional £20,000 was required to continue the legal action. The Chairman stated that the Town Council was sympathetic to PROUD'S action in respect of opposition to the treatment works. The Chairman advised that the Town Council had called an urgent meeting of its Policy and Resources Committee to consider PROUD'S request for support. The Chairman said he understood that the next phase of the legal action was likely to involve a contribution to top-up funds to enable the case to be presented to a Judge for a ruling on further action. The sum of £20,000 was far above the amount that he understood was being requested and concluded by advising that the request for support could be discussed further at the Policy and Resources meeting.

369. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Armour declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 15 and left the meeting prior to discussion of the item.

370. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2008**

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

371. **MATTERS ARISING**

No items were raised.

372. **REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: -**

(a) **PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS – WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY 2008**

Cllr Sawyers 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.

(b) **POLICY AND RESOURCES - MONDAY 12th JANUARY 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.

373. **NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS 1st DECEMBER TO 31st DECEMBER 2008**

It was proposed by the Chairman, unanimously seconded and duly

RESOLVED that payments of 20,841.53 for 1st to 31st December be approved and that receipts of £11,771.25 for the same period be noted.

374. **TO NOTE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO 31st DECEMBER 2008**

RESOLVED the income and expenditure accounts for the Council to 31st December be noted.

375. **TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO SLIDE IN CHATSWORTH PARK NORTH**

The meeting considered the estimate for the repair of the slide and it was proposed by Cllr Hallett, seconded by Cllr Howson and

RESOLVED that the slide be repaired.

376. **CONSIDER PROVISION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FRAME FOR COUNCILLORS' PORTRAITS IN THE CIVIC CENTRE FOYER (Min 185 24.11.08)**

The meeting discussed the provision of a photo frame displaying Councillors' portraits in the Civic Centre foyer. It was proposed by Cllr Livings and seconded by Cllr Howson that a photo frame of Councillors be placed in the Civic Centre foyer. There were four votes in favour and four against. The Chairman voted against and it was

RESOLVED not to install a photographic frame of Councillors portraits in the foyer of the Civic Centre.

377. **TO APPROVE CHANGE OF CONTRACTOR FOR STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE**

The meeting considered a brief report from the Town Clerk explaining the existing contractor had given notice that they would be withdrawing from the contract. The meeting was advised that the County Council had offered to take on the work at a reduced rate. It was proposed by Cllr Sawyers seconded by Cllr livings and

RESOLVED that the street lighting maintenance be undertaken by East Sussex County Council at the cessation of the existing arrangement.

378. **REPORTS FROM: -**

- a) **The Mayor** advised he had nothing to report.
- b) **The Deputy Mayor** advised he had nothing to report.
- c) **County Councillors.** Cllrs Livings and Howson updated the meeting on the latest advice from the County Council Emergency Planning Officer in respect of the cargo of wood adrift in the Channel.
- d) **District Councillors** advised they had nothing to report.
- e) **Representatives on Outside Bodies.** Cllr Hallett reported she had nothing to report from the British Legion.

379. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The meeting noted the following items of correspondence: -

- (a) Dept of Communities & Local Gov – Code of recommended practice on Local Authority publicity
- (b) Lewes DC – Enjoy Sussex Visitors Guide
- (c) HM Customs and Revenue - BACS remittance advice £10,498.97 VAT
- (d) Southdown Housing Association – floating support vacancy
- (e) Peacehaven and District Chamber of Commerce - nomination form for election to Committee
- (f) Strutt and Parker letter re Tye Consultancy
- (g) Lewes DC – weekly planning list and results

- (h) Hedleys letter re Telscombe Tye
- (i) Ken Nice – letter of thanks
- (j) Peacehaven and Telscombe Bowls Club – letter re grant
- (k) Newhaven Town Council - minutes of meeting of 16th December
- (l) Hearing Dogs for the Deaf – Invite to Mayor for event on 8th May
- (m)ESCC – Letter advising of draft cycling strategy consultation available on line
- (n) East Sussex Music Service – Concert invitations to Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- (o) ESCC – confirmation of diversion of footpath 12a
- (p) Lewes DC – weekly planning list

CONFIDENTIAL
EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

Press and public were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of a confidential item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

380. Confidential Item

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed

MAYOR - Cllr James Page

NB The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th March 2009 commencing at 7.30pm**