

Minutes of a meeting of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Monday 29th June 2009** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 8 pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr B Page, Ms M Pepper

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm 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 an old farm cart placed adjacent to the A259 on Telscombe Tye that had been used as an advertising hording. The Chairman advised he would investigate the issue.

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

None.

409. **PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYOR'S INSIGNIA TO COUNCILLOR JAMES PAGE**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Page for his service as Mayor and presented him with past Mayor's insignia to mark his two years as Town Mayor.

410. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2009**

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

411. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

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

(a) **TYE COMMONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FRIDAY 8th MAY**

The status of the Tye Commons advisory Committee was raised and it was agreed that this would be considered later during the meeting under "Representatives on outside Bodies."

412. Contd. Reports from the Following Committees:-

(b) AMENITIES AND CIVIC CENTRE -WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2009

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 AND HIGHWAYS WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2009

The ongoing problem with parking on the verges and the need for the local Police to enforce parking restrictions was raised. Cllr Livings advised he had recently met the local Police Sargeant to discuss the issue. In addition, excessive speeding of vehicles in St Peter's Avenue was highlighted as a further issue for the Police. The meeting agreed that a 20mph limit would be ideal for all residential streets in the town.

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.

(d) TELSCOMBE VILLAGE CLUB WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2009

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted

(e) PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 2009

Progress in respect of the CTLA community bus funding was discussed. Councillor Howson advised that he was waiting for an appointment with Lewes District Council Director of Finance. As there had not been a meeting of the District Council since the 10th June the issue had not been raised at a District Council meeting.

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.

(f) AUDIT SUB -COMMITTEE MONDAY 15th JUNE 2009

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted

413. NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS 1st TO 31st MAY 2009

RESOLVED that payments of £31,088.84 be approved and receipts of £12,533.24 be noted.

414. **TO NOTE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE COUNCIL FOR APRIL AND MAY 2009**

The meeting noted the Council's income and expenditure accounts for April and May 2009.

415. **CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE COUNCILS ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2009**

The meeting unanimously approved the Council's Annual Return. The Chairman signed the statement of accounts and annual governance statement.

416. **REPORTS FROM:-**

(a) **THE MAYOR**

The Mayor advised he and Cllr James Page had attended Meridian FC's launch of their new kit. The Mayor also reported he had attended the Mayors of Seaford's Civic reception at Seaford Town Council.

(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**

Councillor Livings advised the meeting that the County had temporarily lifted the 7.5 Tonne weight limit on the A 59 while works were being carried out on the A26. The work was scheduled for the period 28th September to 1st November. Councillor Livings advised that following the recent County Council elections he would be sitting on the following County Council Committees, Sub Committee and Panels. The Regulatory Committee, the County Joint Consultative Committee, the Joint Advisory Committee (schools), the Corporate Parenting Panel. Councillor Livings also advised he would be representing the County Council on the Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee and The East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.

Councillor Howson advised he would be serving on the County Council Community Services Scrutiny Committee and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Howson also advised that he would be representing the County Council on the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.

(d) **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

There were no reports from District Councillors

(e) **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Livings reported on Age Concern and advised the meeting that a merger was planned between Age Concern and Help the Aged. A name for the new organisation had yet

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(e) Contd Representatives on Outside Bodies:-

to be decided. A banner would be put on the Dell to promote the new organisation when a name had been decided. Councillor Livings advised of the improvements made to the Age Concern Centre in Peacehaven including additional radiators and plans to improve the kitchen lighting. Councillor Livings advised a recent fundraising event had raised £250.

Councillor Livings also reported on a recent Town Forum meeting that included Sgt King as guest speaker. Councillor Livings advised he had raised the issue of illegal parking on the grass verges and the response from the Police. The Police had advised that it would help if Councillors could coordinate information and pass it to the Police. The forum had expressed concerns about the local neighbourhood panels that had been implemented. It was felt that existing organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch and Local Area Action Teams already filled the role of the neighbourhood panels. Sgt King had advised that the panels had been set up as part of an initiative by central government

Councillor Harris advised the meeting he would be standing down from the Neighbourhood Watch committee at the AGM in September but would remain as co-ordinator.

Councillor Banning advised the meeting he had attended a recent neighbourhood meeting organised by the PCSO to examine the issue of speeding in Hamsey Road. Councillor Howson advised he would be presenting a petition to the County Council on behalf of the Hamsey Road residents.

The meeting considered representation on the Tye Commons advisory Committee. This Committee was not a Committee of the Council but in effect an outside body whose minutes and reports would be considered by the Council's Policy and Resources Committee. It was considered the Committee should have a separate secretariat from the Town Council. The following Councillors were nominated and unanimously agreed as representatives of the Town Council on the Tye Commons Advisory Committee; Councillors James Page, R Maskell and T Banning.

The Meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

Signed
Mayor, Cllr R Maskell

NB The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th July 2009** commencing at **7.30 pm.**