

# TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 10th May 2010** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillors: Mr P Howson, Mr R Maskell,  
Mr B Page (**Vice-Chairman**)  
Mr J Page (**Chairman**)  
Mrs B Sawyers, Mr A Smith

## **APOLOGIES**

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

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

*A resident asked the present position regarding access to the Tye. Cllr Smith advised the position regarding the Kent Gap and that after discussion with Bob Milton work should commence in the not too distant future. The resident also informed the meeting of problems with fly-tipping on the Tye at the weekend. Another resident wondered why Bob Milton was in discussion with the Council and if he was being paid for the work. Cllr Smith confirmed that Bob Milton was not being paid.*

*A resident enquired why there was no agenda displayed on the Longridge Avenue notice board and he was informed that this was unfortunately due to staff shortages and would be rectified for the future. The Chairman confirmed that minutes allegedly not displayed previously had been checked and it was established that they were displayed appropriately and that the resident was previously incorrect in his complaint.*

The meeting was re-convened at 7.39 pm.

## 409. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Howson declared an interest as a Peacehaven Councillor in item 12.

## 410. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010**

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

## 411. **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE TELSCOMBE VILLAGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010**

As there was only one Councillor present who was at the Village Club meeting, it was **agreed** to present the Minutes at the next Policy & Resources Committee meeting. The Committee thanked Mr Rick McKellar for installing the new noticed board in Telscombe Village.

## 412. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

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## 413. TO NOTE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010

The Committee noted the Income and Expenditure accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

## 414. TO NOTE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010

The Committee noted the Bank Reconciliation for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

## 415. TO AGREE BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010

After perusal of the document the Committee

**RESOLVED** that the Balance Sheet was in order and should be taken to the next Council meeting for signing by the Mayor.

## 416. TELSCOMBE TYE WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT 1

Cllr Smith advised the progress the group had made to date. He advised the Committee that it would be better to apply for the ELS/HLS to replace the existing ESA Agreement. If applied for now, it would run for 10 years. It would require scrub clearance and initial fencing of the E piece. Cllr Smith showed the Committee a quote from Mr A Becvar for submitting the application totalling £1,225. It was proposed by Cllr B Page, seconded by Cllr P Howson and

**RESOLVED** to agree the quotation for £1,225 for Mr A Becvar to submit the application.

Cllr Smith advised that several courses of action were needed regarding closure of bridleway 8 to public vehicles using it as a short cut. The Chairman felt that as this is a very important step to take, it should be taken to full Council. In the meantime further steps could be carried out so further information was available to take to Council. These included carrying out a traffic survey, putting up no vehicle signs as a deterrent and obtaining quotes for the required barrier/key pads. It was proposed by Cllr A Smith, seconded by Cllr P Howson and

**RESOLVED** that the further actions be carried out and once the information is to hand, it be taken to full Council.

Cllr Smith updated the Committee regarding the delays in carrying out the Kent Gap installation and that he now had the specification for the work from Bob Milton. The Chairman advised that it had previously been agreed to carry out the work and proposed that quotes should therefore be obtained and the Committee

**RESOLVED** that quotes be obtained to carry out the work and delegated powers be given to the Chairman, Mayor, Cllr A Smith and the Town Clerk to agree the successful contractor.

Cllr Smith requested approval to engage Mr A Becvar to draw up a Management Plan for the Tye and advised that a Ranger Service was required to aid with the management. Cllr P Howson proposed, Cllr J Page seconded and it was

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## 416. Contd. Telscombe Tye Working Group Progress Report 1

**RESOLVED** to obtain quotations for a Ranger service.

The Chairman requested more specific agenda headings in the future where funding was being requested.

## 417. TO AGREE CONTINUED GRASS VERGE CUTTING WITH EXISTING CONTRACTORS

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that Wealden were putting up their price by 3%, being an increase of £371.70. The total contract price for the year would be £12,671.70 and Peacehaven Town Council's admin fee would remain at £1,000 for the year. It was proposed by Cllr J Page, seconded by Cllr B Page and

**RESOLVED** to continue with Wealden District Council contractors with Peacehaven Town Council managing the contract at a total price of £13,671.70.

## 418. TO AGREE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING MAINTAINING TELSCOMBE COUNCIL'S ASSETS

Cllr P Howson declared an interest as a Peacehaven Councillor and took no part in discussion of this item. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that Peacehaven Town Council's price for weekly cleaning and reporting defects to bus shelters; monthly inspecting and reporting defects to the Tye fencing; quarterly inspection and reporting defects to street lighting and half yearly visual inspection and reporting of defects to benches would remain unchanged at £2,300 for the year. It was proposed by Cllr J Page, seconded by Cllr R Maskell and

**RESOLVED** to continue the partnership with Peacehaven Town Council at £2,300.

## 419. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS AS URGENT

Concern was raised over the unsuccessful seeding of the Tye. It was noted that the Working Horse Trust in Eridge could provide a horse drawn scarifier and then a wild seed and flower mix could be hand sown. Mr J Carden was requested to approach them for further information.

## 420. 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

Signed .....  
CHAIRMAN - Cllr J Page

NB The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday **5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30 pm**

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## CONFIDENTIAL

421. TO APPROVE AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010

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

422. TO APPROVE AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010

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

423. TO APPROVE AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE - SUB-COMMITTEE OF POLICY & RESOURCES HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010

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

424. CONFIDENTIAL

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 pm.

Signed .....  
CHAIRMAN - Cllr J Page