

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 18th January 2017** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:- Cllrs T Armour, W Botting, D Brindley, J Harris, A Loraine, G Maskell
Mayor, D Neave, B Page, D Wright

Also present: Nancy Astley, Town Clerk; Stella Newman, Deputy Clerk/RFO (*minutes*)

1170. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr P MacDermott of Amhurst Road asked if there were still sheep from the community flock on the Tye and he was advised there are currently 101. He then asked if any sheep had been sold in the past and Cllr B Page advised yes some had been sold and a profit made. Mr MacDermott then asked if they had an impact on the wildlife on the Tye and he was advised by Cllr Armour that ground nesting birds and butterflies are still on the Tye as there are plenty of rough areas for them. Mr MacDermott then asked if anything could be done about the rubbish at the back of Yummies pizza and he was advised by the Town Clerk that this had been reported to Environmental Health at Lewes DC.

7.36pm Cllr D Neave arrived.

Mr MacDermott raised a query regarding parking on grass verges and what had happened about the experimental order and if it was going to be extended to other roads. The Town Clerk advised him that it had now been implemented but only in Telscombe Cliffs Way, Central Avenue and Ambleside Avenue however East Sussex County Council are currently undertaking a parking review.

Another member of the public asked whose responsibility speed bumps are and if they could be put in. He was advised that speed bumps are the responsibility of East Sussex County Council, but that the local Residents Association run a speedwatch camera and he should go along to one of their meetings which are on the first Thursday of each month starting at 7.30pm at the Telscombe Civic Centre to see if they could target the area he was concerned about.

Peter Seed asked if the Coastal Erosion Report is going to be made public by LewesDC. He was advised that Cllr Smith may have been able to give him further information, but unfortunately he was not here. He was advised that Tim Bartlett from LewesDC is organising community engagement sessions regarding Coastal Management in the next few weeks.

Mr MacDermott asked whose responsibility the steps near the Portobello works and also the land at the top of the steps were as they were in a poor condition. He was advised that the steps are the responsibility of Southern Water and although clifftop land belongs to LewesDC, it was thought that this particular area might be the responsibility of ESCC. He raised a final query regarding sea defences and if they would be joined up and was advised that Cllr Smith could answer this query but unfortunately he was not present.

7.43pm Cllr A Loraine arrived.

1171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr A Mendoza due to family commitments, Cllr J Wilkins due to a prior engagement and Cllrs R Maskell and A Smith who were at another meeting and these reasons for absence were accepted.

It was noted that Cllrs D Neave and A Loraine had been at another meeting which is why they were slightly late.

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1172. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1173. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER 2016

The Council considered the minutes and it was proposed by Cllr D Brindley, seconded by Cllr D Wright and unanimously

RESOLVED that they were a true record of the proceedings and were signed as correct by the Mayor, Cllr G Maskell.

1174. MATTERS ARISING FOR NOTING

Min 1159, p2558 – Cllr Page queried why the minutes from the Amenities & Civic Centre meeting in November had not been brought to this meeting as minuted and he was advised that they have not been approved at the next Committee meeting yet which isn't until 30th January.

Under the same minute number, Cllr Neave thanked Mick Evans for installation of the new litter bin at the Civic Centre and asked if it was being used and he was advised it was. Cllr G Maskell also thanked Mick Evans for installation of the new notice board at the Civic Centre.

1175. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Payments of £30,572.89 were proposed as correct by Cllr D Wright, seconded by Cllr D Brindley, unanimously **agreed** and signed as accurate by the Mayor. Receipts of £12,362.30 were noted. Cllr Loraine thanked the RFO for her work in preparing these figures. Cllr Neave asked why we had used F Humphrey Heating for the gas boilers service and advised he knew of a contractor that might be able to undertake it cheaper. He was requested to give the details to the office and quotes will be sought when it is next due.

1176. NOTIFICATION OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30th NOVEMBER 2016

The figures at 30th November 2016 for all committees and earmarked reserves being expenditure of £175,508 and income of £295,429 were unanimously agreed. Cllr Loraine asked for it to be noted that he is very happy with the work involved.

1177. REPORTS FROM:-

(a) **The Mayor** - Cllr G Maskell advised that she had not attended any functions but that she had been to the Rev Josiah Povey meeting and they had agreed to give £800 to the Telscombe Cliffs Primary School to be split between the breakfast club and special needs. She also advised that there were traffic queuing problems following the installation of a barrier on the school car park.

(b) **Deputy Mayor** – Cllr Wilkins had not left a report.

(c) **County Councillor** – Cllr Howson had not left a report.

(d) **District Councillors** – District Councillors had not left a report.

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1177. Contd. Reports From:-

(e) **Representatives on Outside Bodies** - Cllr J Harris advised that he had attended the Crime Stoppers AGM at the weekend and that domestic violence for both men and women is prevalent. He has lots of leaflets and information and will bring them to the next Councillors' surgery.

1178. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING AND/OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed.....
Mayor, Cllr G Maskell