

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 20th July 2016** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:- Cllr D Brindley, Cllr J Harris, Cllr A Loraine, Cllr G Maskell *Mayor*,
Cllr R Maskell, Cllr B Page, Cllr A Smith, Cllr J Wilkins

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

1102. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Regarding minute 1088, p 2465 'To Appointment Members to Outside Bodies' from the last Council meeting, Mr Peter Seed asked if anyone had been appointed to the two associations that had not been agreed at the last meeting. Cllr R Maskell advised that a group meeting was imminent and it would be discussed then and he will let him know the outcome. Mr Seed also asked if we had a copy of the Brighton & Hove/Lewes Coastal Report and the Town Clerk advised she thought it was still to go to cabinet. Cllr A Smith explained that Tim Bartlett had been dealing with this at LewesDC but he has now left and they are currently recruiting to find a replacement. Cllr Smith also explained that they had got initially £100,000 which had enabled some work to be carried out which in turn facilitated a further £100,000 towards the report that is now awaited.

1103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs W Botting and Tim Armour due to work commitments, D Neave who was attending a meeting at LewesDC and D Wright who was on leave. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Phil Howson.

1104. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1105. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2016

The Council considered the minutes and it was proposed by Cllr R Maskell, seconded by Cllr J Harris and unanimously

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

1106. MATTERS ARISING FOR NOTING

None.

1107. TO RECEIVE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:-

(a) Planning & Highways – 22nd February, 14th March & 4th April 2016

In the absence of the Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr R Maskell requested that the minutes of the meetings on 22nd February, 14th March and 4th April be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and recommendations adopted. It was subsequently noted that these minutes had been taken to the last Council meeting already.

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1108. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR MAY 2016

Payments of £23,858.99 for 1st-31st May 2016 were proposed as correct by Cllr R Maskell, seconded by Cllr D Brindley, unanimously agreed and signed as accurate by the Mayor. Receipts of £7,899.27 for the same period were noted.

1109. NOTIFICATION OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31ST MAY 2016

The figures at 31st May 2016 for all committees and earmarked reserves being expenditure of £41,266 and income of £124,836 were unanimously agreed. Regarding budget head 4030-101, Cllr Wilkins asked if this also included for delivery of the Council's newsletter and she was advised that it did. She then advised that some properties in The Ridings and part of Ambleside Avenue were not receiving a copy – this will be looked into.

1110. REPORTS FROM:-

(a) **The Mayor** - Cllr G Maskell advised that she had attended 16 functions since the last meeting. At these she had met the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff three times. The High Sheriff had commented how much he had enjoyed the Queen's 90th birthday celebration that we had put on at the Civic Centre. She had also enjoyed roast dinner during a Brownie camp visit, attended a Mayor's function in Tenterden and a judicial service by the High Sheriff in Battle. She thanked the Town Clerk for doing a quiz for her which had raised £200 for Cancer Relief and she thanked everyone that had attended. Cllr G Maskell had also attended the muddy run in Brighton by invite from the Mayor of Brighton in which her daughter and granddaughter were taking part and have raised £502.74 so far for Cancer Relief. She finally thanked everyone for their sympathy wishes at this sad time for her family.

(b) **Deputy Mayor** – Cllr Wilkins advised that she had accompanied the Mayor and her consort at the Armed Forces Day event in Seaford and the RNLI open day in Newhaven. She had also deputised at the Rotary lunch held at Blind Vets and won a bear in the raffle. She had also attended the recent summer fayre in Peacehaven and won another raffle prize. Cllr Wilkins then advised that she has been fundraising for the Deans Senior Tea Club and had raised £125. Finally Cllr Wilkins thanked the staff for helping her with etiquette in her new role as Deputy Mayor.

(c) **County Councillor** – Unfortunately Cllr P Howson was unable to attend but had passed some information to the Town Clerk to read out. The decision on the closure of Rodmell School has been suspended for one year, but the Pells C of E School in Lewes will close. The Fire Authority are putting together a business case with the Police and Crime Commissioner to move towards integrating support.

(d) **District Councillors** – Cllr Smith advised that he and the Chair of Lewes DC, Nigel Enever, had recently opened the business awards. He also advised that the North Street quarter has had a big push for housing, a programme of works has been agreed and work should start in August. He concluded by advising that Lewes DC are joining with Eastbourne Borough Council. The decision was all about delivery of services, there will be a rationalisation of IT, and Cllr Smith thinks the transition is a good thing. Email addresses will be changing.

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1110. Contd Reports From

Regarding housing, Cllr R Maskell advised that at a recent conference it was made clear that a levy is proposed for the high value properties of £5m out of an income of £15m and it is therefore proposed that the high value properties be transferred into a building or holding company so that they can retain as much of the housing stock as possible.

- (e) **Outside Bodies** – Cllr G Maskell advised that Telscombe Cliffs School had received a surprise visit from Ofsted at the time of a planned teachers strike and the teachers that were going to take part in the strike came into work.

1111. TO RATIFY PURCHASE OF NEW DEPUTY MAYOR'S CHAIN

The chain used last year by the Deputy Mayor was actually the original Mayor's chain and it was felt that it should return to being the formal regalia of the Mayor. This would leave the Deputy Mayor without a chain thus meaning a new chain had to be purchased. Following agreement at a group meeting and subsequent unanimous email agreement to the Town Clerk, a replacement Deputy Mayor's chain was commissioned from Studio Crafts, based on the Mayor's chain. The exact cost of creating the new chain could not be pre-determined but was anticipated at approximately £500. Upon completion the cost was confirmed at £700. It was made at cost by Studio Crafts and is actually worth double the price paid. It was therefore proposed by Cllr R Maskell, seconded by Cllr D Brindley and unanimously

RATIFIED to purchase the new Deputy Mayor's chain from Studio Crafts at a cost of £700.

1112. TO APPROVE VIREMENT OF FUNDS

As the purchase of the new Deputy Mayor's chain at £700 was an additional cost that had not been budgeted for, the Councillor/Civic Expenses budget was only allocated a total of £400 for the year. It was therefore proposed by Cllr R Maskell, seconded by Cllr D Brindley and

RESOLVED to agreement a virement of £700 from budget head 4073-104 (Village Club running costs) which is not being used to 4010-101 Councillor/Civic Expenses.

1113. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING AND/OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

1114. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr R Maskell, seconded by Cllr A Loraine and

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to section 1 (2) of the public bodies (admissions to meetings) act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Signed.....
Mayor, Cllr G Maskell

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

1115. APPROVE NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2016-2018

Confidential discussion and unanimously:-

RESOLVED that the NJC national salary award for 2016-17 and 2017-2018 be approved.

1116. TO APPROVE NOMINATION FOR FREEPERSON OF THE TOWN

Confidential discussion and unanimously:-

RESOLVED that Telscombe Town Council do hereby confer upon Mrs Brenda Sawyers the Honorary Freedom of the Town in recognition of her eminent services to the town of Telscombe and the said Mrs Brenda Sawyers be an Honorary Freewoman of the town for life and be presented with a certificate at the next Council meeting in September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16 pm.

Signed.....
Mayor, Cllr G Maskell