



Battle Town Council



**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held on
TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014 in
The Almonry, High Street, Battle, at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Boryer, Mrs G Favell, Mrs P Fisher, D Furness, R Jessop, Mrs M Kiloh, Ms J Ormonde-Butler, Mrs S Pry, J Sydes and D Wilson.

Public Question Time

No members of the public were present. District and County Councillors were present and a member of the press.

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Bye, Eldridge, Gyngell, Howell, Cllr M Palmer and Ratcliffe.

2. Disclosure of Interest

Cllr Ormonde-Butler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Cricket Ground item.

The Chairman informed everyone that the Clerk will be reviewing the Standing Orders and will be changing the running order of the agenda, to allow the District and County Councillors and the PCSO to speak earlier in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 May 2014. **Cllr Jessop proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Sydes – agreed.**

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Clerk advised that pending confirmation from the Monitoring Officer the **Councillor Vacancy** would continue to be advertised as part of the ongoing exercise. The Clerk advised that the work to drain the **cricket ground** had commenced using the agreed contractor and that the meeting with **Battle Abbey** about the sports hall will take place on 4th July.

5. Correspondence & Communications

(1.) **Concorde 1066** - Cllr Furness was proposed by Cllr Jessop and seconded by Cllr Fisher to be the Council's representative on the Concorde 1066 Committee and that an extra meeting would be needed to discuss the event once firm information is known.

(2.) **Shaws Funfair** – the change of date from September 2014 to 30 June to 7 July was agreed subject to the usual conditions.

6. Grant Application Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance

Cllr Fisher proposed approval of a grant of **£250** seconded by Cllr Jessop.

7. Annual Audit and Return. Council agreed to hold an extra-ordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting on Thursday 26th June at 6.30pm to approve the Annual Return with full delegated responsibility from Council.

8. Process for Grant Applications

Council agreed that a co-ordinated approach to future grant applications is needed and that this will be taken forward by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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9. Report from County Councillor

Cllr Field informed Council that (1) Saxonwood Road is soon to be adopted by the County Council, (2) the Fire Station has been saved, (3) the school transport policy will be reviewed in July and (4) the Schools and Learning Service is going through an OFSTED inspection.

10. Report from District Councillors

Cllr Dixon reported on changes at Rother District Council. He summarised the changes to the recycling regime and explained that phase 2 will be in November. He said that the new Housing Allocations policy is out for discussion.

11. Report from the Police

The **Crime Reports** for May/June were noted. Sgt Masterson reported that reported crime in surrounding areas had increased due to the good weather but Battle hasn't been affected.

12. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21 May and 4 June were presented by Cllr Jessop and noted.

13. Draft Minutes of the Estates Committee meeting held on 4 June were presented by Cllr Fisher and noted.

14. List of Payments & Receipts was noted.

15. Reports from Representatives of the Council

- Cllr Jessop - had attended a **Chamber of Commerce** meeting, a Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting, a regional SE Council meeting, a Scarecrow Festival Committee Meeting and was at the Medieval Fair;
- Cllr Favell - attended the Community Self-Serve Event;
- Cllr Furness - reported funding received for the Battle Arts and Music Festival;
- Cllr Kiloh - attended the Community Self-Serve Event, Bexhill Mayor Making Ceremony and SLR meeting.

16. Matters for Information/Future Items for Agenda

Future agenda items of (1) Community Self-Serve and (2) the Mayoral Chains were agreed.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15 July 2014

The meeting closed.

M KILOH
Chairman

