

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016

Councillors: Christopher Ash-Edwards
Jonathan Ash-Edwards
Anne Boutrup
Rod Clarke
David Dorking
Sandy Ellis
Julie Hayden**
Stephen Hillier
Jacqui Hollister
Matthew Jeffers
James Knight
Clive Laband
Alastair McPherson
Howard Muddin
Mike Pulfer
Sujan Wickremaratchi

Apologies Absent***

Also present: None

79. Council Prayer

Members stood for the Council prayer, which was read by the Town Mayor.

80. Public Forum

None

81. Apologies

Cllr J. Hayden – Work Commitments.

82. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wickremaratchi and Cllr Hillier declared personal interests in item 10 as West Sussex County Councillors.

83. Minutes

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th February 2015 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Mayor.

84. Matters Arising

None

85. Mayor's Engagements and Announcements.

Town Mayor Cllr Wickremaratchi made reference to three matters during his address to Council. Firstly, the Mayor was delighted and proud to announce that the success of the Mayors Dinner and Dance had resulted in just over £5000 being raised for his chosen charity 4sight. He then thanked his fellow Councillors and the Town Hall staff for all of their support leading up to and during the event. Special mention was made for Mrs Helen Hewett and Ms Sarah Valentine who led on the organisation of the evening. Secondly, The Mayor outlined a safeguarding matter that he had been involved in at St Wilfrids Court,

Church Road in a building run by Hyde Housing. As a result of this work a plan had been formulated to deal with defects to the building that was compromising resident's health. Finally, the Mayor thanked Cllr Ellis for attending St. Richards Church on his behalf to witness the ceremonial service for the collation of Reverend David Weaver the previous weekend. Cllr Ellis in turn informed the Council that the event had been very enjoyable and asked if a letter could be sent by the Clerk to thank Reverend Weaver for inviting the Council and for welcome she and husband enjoyed on the day.

86. To receive and consider the adoption of the Minutes of Council standing committees.

- (i) Planning Committee - **MINS. 97 - 122**
The reception and adoption of the resolutions of the Planning Committees, dated 25th January 2016 - **Mins 97 – 104**, 15th February 2016 – **Mins 105 – 113** and 7th March 2016 - **Mins 114 – 122**.
- (ii) Environment & General Purposes Committee - **MINS. 47 - 57**
The reception and adoption of the resolutions of the Environment & General Purposes Committee dated 8th February 2016 **Mins 47 - 57** were moved, seconded and agreed by Council.
- (iii) Policy & Finance Committee - **MINS. 49 - 60**
The reception and adoption of the resolutions of the Policy and Finance Committee dated 29th February 2016 **Mins 49 - 60** were moved, seconded and agreed by Council.

87. Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils

The Clerk updated Members on the need to join the Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils (MSALC), which was the local Association specifically looking at matters with the District. The Clerk also promoted the benefits of Membership for information sharing and hearing speakers relevant to the Mid Sussex and the Town. With this the Clerk welcomed nominations for the post. Councillor David Dorking starting proceedings off by volunteering to take the position on MSALC. With this he was nominated and seconded, without opposition, so it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Dorking taking on the role,

Members **RESOLVED** to;

Appoint Cllr David Dorking as the Town Councils representative on the Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils.

88. Minutes of Mid Sussex Association of Town Councils

Members noted the minutes of the Mid Sussex Association of Town Councils (MSATC) meeting dated 2nd March 2016 and the position of the District's other two Towns Councils in relation to West Sussex County Council's Sponsorship Framework Agreements and the current Highways Services consultation. As both matters were discussed at the last meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee Members noted the report of the Clerk, were happy with the letter as presented, via the secretary to the Association, on the West Sussex Highway consultation (apart from a minor grammatical error) and felt it would be prudent to send an individual response on behalf of the Council to West Sussex County Council, with this,

Members **RESOLVED** to;

- a) **Note the minutes of the meeting of the Mid Sussex Association of Town Councils and endorsed the letter to West Sussex County Council in relation to Partnership Working.**
- b) **Instruct the Clerk to make separate representation on the matter to West Sussex County Council.**

89. To consider any urgent items the Mayor has received under S.O 11.

The Clerk informed Members that the draft Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan was out to a 'section 16' consultation, which was being undertaken by Mid Sussex District Council with a closing date of the 21st April 2016. Furthermore, an inspector would be chosen towards the end of the consultation period. If the inspector is satisfied the final stage is the referendum. However, it would be unlikely that the referendum could take place before September because of the legalities around the EU referendum and the fact that no other vote can be held at the same time.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm