

## Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Minutes

Venue: The Council Chamber, Town Hall Buildings, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea

Time: 7 pm

Date: Monday 4 July 2016

Present: Cllrs Ashbee, Charlton, Cornford, King (Chairman), Morrish, Pennington, Rickett, Rolfe and Scott.

Also present were: Mr G Orton(co-opted), Laura Bungard (Community Warden), Cllr Braidwood (TDC), Jill Frankland (Town Clerk), and eight members of the public.

	Item		Action
341	Chairman's Welcome	The Chairman welcomed all present and gave the usual 'housekeeping' notices. It was noted that one person was recording the meeting.	
342	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Nightingale and Mrs C Wheeler.	
343	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Amendments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minute 306 should have read 'Cllr Ashbee stepped down'</li> <li>2. Minute 306 should have read '... next meeting (if possible by 20 June) for ...'</li> <li>3. Minute 314 should have read 'Westgate Heritage Centre ...'</li> </ol> Proposed: Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Ashbee. Agreed. <b>Resolved: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 June 2016 as amended were accepted and approved as a true record.</b>	JF JF
344	Members' Interest	Cllr Cornford declared an interest in Item No. 8, planning application FH/TH/16/0704.	
345	Thanet District Councillors' Report	Report from Cllr Braidwood: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report of asbestos in St Mildred's Walk – matter had been dealt with.</li> <li>2. Harold Ave – large refuse vehicle unable to access road. Road has been given priority for collection by smaller vehicle.</li> <li>3. Charing of Standing Committees – Cllr Braidwood mentioned that he had received the views of the Director of Governance.</li> <li>4. Residents Association vandalism – have arranged with Westgate Security to donate and install CCTV system – now in operation.</li> </ol>	
346	Report of the Community Warden	Laura Bungard gave a verbal report. (See appendix)	
347	Public Right to Speak	The Meeting was adjourned for Mr Ron Fawcett to speak. Mr Fawcett voiced his objections to the planning application for 139 Sea Road, stating he felt it was out of character and detracted from the area, and would destroy the open plan design. He noted that the current application was similar to an application proposed in August 2004 which was refused. Mr Orton stated he would seek to write an objection from Margate Civic Society. It was suggested that this application be 'called-in' by District Councillors.	
348	Planning Decisions	The Town Clerk reported that under delegated authority the planning application A/TH/16/0679 had been refused permission.	
349	Planning Applications	The following planning applications were debated: FT/TH/16/0640 – 37 Sea Road, New build 7 flats and refurb of 6 flats in main building Westcliffe House.	

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	<p>Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Rolfe. Agreed  <b>Resolved: to support the application.</b>  F/TH/16/0634 – 4 Prospect Close – Porch.  Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Rickett. Agreed.  <b>Resolved: No comment.</b>  F/TH/16/0681 – 102 Minster Road – Garage conversion.  Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Cornford. Agreed.  <b>Resolved: No comment.</b>  F/TH/16/0743 – 72 St Mildred’s Road – Change of use from retail to ice cream parlour.  Cllr Ashbee left the meeting.  Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Rolfe. Agreed.  <b>Resolved: to support application as WoS have lost one ice cream parlour and this would replace an empty video store.</b>  Cllr Ashbee returned to the meeting.  FH/TH/16/0779 – 139 Sea Road – Erection of single rear and two storey side extensions (replacing existing structure)  It was noted that the ‘existing structure’ was a timber pergola, not a structure. By virtue of the restricted size of the site and its location on a prominent corner, the proposed development would comprise a cramped and congested form of development in relation to the highway which would erode the established spacious pattern of development within the area to an unacceptable level, thus, resulting in an extension being incongruous in appearance to the detriment of the existing character and appearance of the area contrary to Isle of Thanet Local Plan Policies CB1 and CB2.  Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Ashbee. Agreed  <b>Resolved: to recommend application is refused as it would make the area cramped and congested and spoil the layout of the existing area.</b>  FT/TH/16/0704 – 29 Domneva Road – Rear single storey and side two storey extensions.  Cllr Cornford left the meeting.  It was noted that there had been a lot of concern and the application has been ‘called-in’ by a TDC Councillor.  Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Ashbee. Agreed.  <b>Resolved: to recommend application is refused as not consistent with buildings in the area.</b>  Cllr Cornford returned to the meeting.  FT/TH/15/0247 – Station Road Goods Yard  Proposed: Cllr Ashbee, seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed  <b>Resolved: Cllr Ashbee would speak to the builder to ascertain if the railings would remain silver and red for feedback to the Planning, Highways and Environment Meeting on 18 July 2016.</b>  <b>Town Clerk to include on the P, H &amp; E Agenda.</b>  F/TH/15/0811 – 79 St Mildred’s Road – Change of external materials.  Proposed: Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Charlton. Agreed.  <b>Resolved: No comment.</b>  FH/TH/16/0827 – 88 Canterbury Road – Rear conservatory and alteration to existing garage.  Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Rolfe. Agreed.  <b>Resolved: No comment.</b></p>	
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		<p>F/TH/16/0880 – 60 St Mildred’s Road – Change of use from retail to children’s nursery. Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Rickett. Agreed. <b>Resolved: No comment.</b></p> <p>TPO/TH/16/0810 – 65 Sea Road – 2 x row of Holm Oaks, crown reduce by 5 m. Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed <b>Resolved: No objection.</b></p> <p>TPO/TH/16/0823 – 1A Ethelbert Square – 2 x Sycamores, prune back branches to boundary line. Proposed: Cllr Cornford, seconded: Cllr Ashbee. Agreed. <b>Resolved: No objections.</b></p> <p>TPO/TH/16/0799 – Walmer Castle, 39 Canterbury Road – removal of 8 x Laylandii, 1 x Buddleia replant with more desirable shrubs and roses. Removal of 1 x Laburnum, excessively decayed at base and falling over. Uplift all trees along wall to 3-4 m (Ash, Sycamore, Laburnum) to increase safety from low hanging branches and reduce shade. It was suggested that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Member of the Council should represent WoSTC at the Committee Meeting. Cllr Cornford agreed to represent WoSTC.</li> <li>2. Approach should be made to TDC Councillors for the matter to be ‘called-in’.</li> </ol> <p>Proposed: Cllr Ashbee, seconded: Cllr Scott. Agreed <b>Resolved: to recommend the application is declined.</b></p>	JC
350	Chairman’s Report	<p>The Vice-Chairman reported on the Ceremony to bestow the Title of Honorary Freeman on Dr Dawn Crouch. He stated that Dr Crouch was able to share a lot in terms of the history of Westgate-on-Sea and, that the Ceremony went smoothly and was appreciated by Dr Crouch, friends and family. It was noted that there had been good preparation by Cllr Cornford and the Civic Society. Sir Roger Gale spoke, which was both amusing and instructive. Refreshments were served after the Ceremony. Cllr Cornford thanked Cllr Pennington for hosting the event. Cllr Scott thanked Cllr Cornford for her hard work and putting on a lovely event.</p>	
351	Town Clerk’s Report	<p>The Town Clerk briefly spoke on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Website working party – noted the work was progressing and that accessibility was being considered, in particular for people with visual impairment and for smart-phone devices. It was hoped that shortly there would be some skeleton pages.</li> <li>2. Cycling on the promenade – a response had been received from the Foreshores Officer, TDC as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An additional inspector will be brought in to help cover both areas.</li> <li>b. That enforcement of Byelaws was difficult and that TDC did not expect their inspectors to get into any confrontational situations. However, it was noted that the inspector was a very conscientious and proactive individual.</li> <li>c. Some additional laminated signs have been added.</li> <li>d. The repainting of the signage on the promenade was already programmed for 14 July, weather permitting.</li> <li>e. New signage from KCC has been installed. (KCC are responsible for the Viking Coastal Trail)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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		f. The Foreshores Officer will also undertake an inspection wc 4 July 2016.	
352	Minutes of Standing Committees	<p>Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Scott. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: The Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment meeting held on 23 May 2016 were accepted and approved as a true record.</b></p> <p>Regarding the Minutes of the Events and Tourism Meeting held on 13 June 2016, the Town Clerk apologised for not including Election of Chair on the Agenda and this was the reason for not electing a Chair. Therefore Cllr King took the Chair as Chairman of the Council, utilising Section 12 of the LGA 1972 Act.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: To defer approving the Minutes of the Events and Tourism meeting held on 13 June 2016 until Agenda item 15. Agreed.</b></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pennington, seconded: Cllr Rolfe. For: six, against: one, abstention: one.</p> <p><b>Resolved: The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 27 June 2016 were accepted and approved as a true record.</b></p>	
353	Minutes of Other Meetings	<p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Charlton. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 9 May 2016 were received and approved as a true record.</b></p>	
354	Standing Orders	<p>The following recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee were debated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Standing Order 3d, e, f &amp; g - to revise and provide clarity on definition of members of the public The proposition to define members of the public as ‘residents on the electoral roll and business owners who pay rates’ was put to the vote and lost. Proposed: Cllr Rolfe, seconded: Cllr Charlton. For: four, against: five. <b>Thereupon the proposition to remain with that agreed under Minute 277 ‘for the purposes of transparency the public right to speak should include non-residents, with Westgate-on-Sea residents having priority’ was put to the vote and carried.</b> <b>Proposed: Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Pennington. For: five, against: three, abstentions: one.</b></li> <li>2. Standing Order 3i – delete wording after ‘to stand’. The proposition to delete wording after ‘to stand’ was put to the vote and lost. Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Scott. For: four, against: four, with Chairman’s casting vote against the proposal. <b>Thereupon the proposition for wording to remain as currently in the Standing Orders.</b> <b>Proposed: Cllr Ashbee, seconded: Cllr Charlton. For: four, against: one, abstentions: three.</b></li> </ol> <p>Cllr Charlton left the meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Standing Order 4d vi – consider revision Proposed: Cllr Pennington, seconded: Cllr Rolfe. For: five, abstentions: 2. Agreed. <b>Resolved: wording remains as currently in Standing Orders. Matter is reviewed at the next AGM.</b></li> <li>4. Standing Order 3l – amend and add policy as an appendix.</li> </ol>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>

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		<p>Proposed: Cllr Scott, seconded: Cllr Morrish. For: seven, Abstention: one.</p> <p><b>Resolved: To accept recommendation of Finance and General Purposes Committee rewording and appendix as tabled.</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk to amend 'PEAT' to 'PAT' in appendix 2.</p>	JF JF
355	Terms of Reference	<p>Proposed: Cllr Morrish, seconded: Cllr Rolfe</p> <p><b>Resolved to add to all ToR 'If at any time any Councillor unable to attend the Councillor may nominate another Councillor who is not a member of that Committee to attend the Meeting. Agreed.</b></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Rolfe. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: to adopt the Events and Tourism ToR with above amendment.</b></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pennington, seconded: Cllr Ashbee. For seven. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved to adopt the Finance and General Purposes ToR with above amendment.</b></p>	JF JF JF
356	Appointment of Chairman to Committees	<p>Proposed: Cllr Scott, seconded: Cllr Cornford. For: four, against: two, abstentions: two. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: to elect a Chair at the next meetings of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee and Events and Tourism Committee.</b></p> <p>The following amendment was made to the Events and Tourism Committee Minutes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minute 329 – should read 'Westgate-on-Sea'.</li> <li>2. Minute 318 – Add Cllr Cornford objected to Cllr King's use of Schedule 12 of the LGA 1972 Act stating she found it undemocratic and unhealthy.</li> </ol> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Cornford. For: 6. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: The Minutes of the Events and Tourism meeting held on 13 June 2016 with the above amendments were accepted and approved as a true record.</b></p>	JF JF
357	Committee Membership	<p>The Town Clerk confirmed that six Councillors had requested a special motion to review membership of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee from five to seven.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pennington, seconded: Cllr Scott. For: five, abstentions: two. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: to amend membership of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee from five to seven, with continued option of co-opting non-voting members.</b></p>	JF
358	Agenda Items 17-22	<p>Agenda items 17 to 22 were deferred until the next Full Council meeting to be held on 5 September 2016.</p>	JF

The Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

REPORT FOR WESTGATE TOWN COUNCIL/AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. JUNE2016.

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