

# Westgate-on-Sea Town Council

## Full Council Minutes

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

Time: 7 pm

Date: Monday <sup>12</sup>~~3~~<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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

Also present: Julie Pilbeam (Incoming Town Clerk), ten members of the public.

	Item		Action
527	<b>Chairman's Welcome</b>	<b>The Chairman welcomed those present and gave the 'usual housekeeping' notices.</b>	
528	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	<b>No apologies for absence were received.</b>	
529	<b>Report of Resignation</b>	<b>It was reported that Cllr Ashbee had resigned from her position as Town Councillor.</b>	
530	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	<b>Proposed: Cllr Pennington, seconded: Cllr Rolfe. Agreed. Resolved: To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016.</b>	
531	<b>Members' Interest</b>	<b>Cllr Cornford declared an interest in the budget item as landlord to the Town Council</b>	
532	<b>Public Right to Speak</b>	<b>Mr Popodopolous addressed the Council with details of the improvements planned at Walmer Castle, including senior citizens coffee morning and special Christmas Lunch.</b>	
533	<b>Thanet District Councillors' Report</b>	<b>Cllr Bertie Braiwood reported that there was a consultation on the draft Local Plan taking place at Thanet District Council (TDC) and encouraged residents to contribute. Cllr Braiwood also confirmed that the Town Council had lodged an interest with TDC in the asset disposal of the pavilion, the fallen leaves had been cleared as reported by Cllr Rickett and noise complaints were being investigated at College Gardens/Boulevard. Cllr Braiwood also stated that he had donated a month of his councillor allowance to a local charity for Christmas.</b>	TC
534	<b>Chairman's Report</b>	<b>The Chairman reported on the Grant Application from Mr Pop for the improvements to Walmer Castle and that this is in hand. The Chairman also reported the fact that there has now been agreement that the space between the zig zag lines on the crossing at XXX requires attention which the chairman will follow up at the Joint Transportation Board. The Chairman confirmed that the Town Council had been campaigning to keep the pavilion open since its inception and that there was evidence of</b>	? / 10M



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		the email chains with the District Council to prove this.	
535	<b>Councillors Reports</b>	<p>Cllr Morrish reported an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed that a meeting will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm at the Pavilion.</p> <p>Cllr Rickett reported that the website improvements were coming along and a film of the lights was being worked on.</p> <p>Cllr Rolfe spoke in favour of the grant to the Greek Community for Walmer Castle and how the plans for the future will be beneficial to all.</p> <p>Cllr Cornford thanked councillors for their contribution to the lights event and reported that she had carried out a litter pick.</p> <p>Cllr Rolfe reported that he had assisted with the barriers at 6.45 am on the day.</p>	
536	<b>Town Clerk's Report</b>	The Town Clerk had no further matters to report upon.	
537	<b>Minutes of Standing Committees</b>	<p>The minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee held on 21 November 2016 and Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15 November 2016 were received.</p> <p>The recommended budget from the Finance and General Purposes Committee was put forward for approval.</p> <p>Cllr Pennington proposed the meeting be extended by 15 minutes to finalise the budget discussions, this was all agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Scott proposed amendments to the precept budget, Cllr Morrish seconded these and they were approved as follows:</p> <p><b>Precept Budget of £98,000 for the year 2017/18</b></p> <p><b>This was achieved through a reduction in the expenditure budget of approximately £31,000</b></p>	
538		<p>All other items were deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>The addendums added to the agenda had been struck out as they had not been approved by the Interim Clerk, Roy Wade.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.10pm</p>	