

# WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** FULL COUNCIL

**At:** The Town Hall building, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate on Sea, CT8 8RE.

**Date:** 3 August 2015.

**Present:** Cllrs: Ashbee, Charlton, Cornford, King (Chairman), Morrish, Nightingale, Pennington, Rolfe, and Scott (part of meeting).

Mr R. Styles: Interim Clerk (last meeting)  
Mrs J. Williams: Clerk

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**065: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Rickett – Leave.

**066: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Ashbee – Margate Charter Trustees (minute 069)

**067: MINUTES**

The accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2015 (Minutes 049-057).

Proposed by: Cllr Cornford.

Seconded By: Cllr Morrish.

**RESOLVED**

**068: PLANS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

Unfortunately a representative from the Local Community Group was not able to be present to give the Council an update on their plans, particularly in respect of Lymington Road sports field. There followed discussion around the speculation surrounding Lymington Road as well as ideas of how the land at Lymington Road might be used, for example, a living memorial.

Agreed that a further letter will be sent to TDC seeking clarification and that this item be deferred to the next Environmental Committee Meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr King.

Seconded By: Cllr Morrish.

**RESOLVED**

**069: MARGATE CHARTER TRUSTEES**

*Cllr Ashbee left the meeting for this item*

Council discussed the current situation and the fact that we have not yet received their Audit Return or Asset Register to enable a settlement figure to be agreed. The meeting agreed that the Interim Clerk is to contact the Monitoring Officer and set up a meeting for the Chairman and himself to have a further meeting with the Margate Charter Trustees with a view to finalising this matter.

Proposed by: Cllr King.

Seconded By: Cllr Rolfe.

**RESOLVED**

*MEETING SUSPENDED FOR A FEW MINUTES*

**070: COAT OF ARMS/INSIGNIA**

Chairman advised the translation of the wording on the insignia is: **“I hasten to the Gate of the West”**

After looking at the original plus the two new drafts councillors discussed the various aspects of the insignia and it was agreed:

- Harp and White Horse supporting
- Shells - red chevron
- Birds to be black, facing to the right and the same type as per the original
- Foliage - dark green
- Thin rays for the sun

Proposed by: Cllr Pennington.

Seconded by: Cllr Scott.

**RESOLVED**

**071: FURNITURE FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER**

This item had been deferred from the previous meeting when Councillors said they felt more Councillors should be present to make a decision. There were three quotes, the first two for bespoke tables. There was a quote from Carpenters Workshop for £5K, one from Isle of Thanet Joinery for £4250K plus VAT and one from Beach Retail for £240 per table.

**PROPOSAL**

One table be purchased for the top table with Council deciding subsequently whether more are needed.

Proposed: Cllr Pennington

Seconded: Cllr Cornford

**AMENDMENT**

A set of 5 tables be purchased for the whole Council at a cost of £240 each including VAT at 20% (the Council are able to reclaim the VAT).

Proposed: Cllr King

Seconded: Cllr Charlton

The amendment was carried with voting as follows:

FOR = 4      AGAINST = 4      ABSENTION = 1

The Chairman used his casting vote, voting for the amendment

**RESOLVED**

**Cllrs Scott and Cornford left the meeting returning at different times later in the meeting.**

**072: WEBSITE**

Cllr Rolfe reported on the working party meeting and costings and after discussion it was agreed to appoint NTFS Ltd.

Proposed: Cllr Rolfe

Seconded: Cllr Nightingale

**RESOLVED**

**073: THE WALMER CASTLE**

Concern that the land has been split and there is a planning application for a two storey dwelling on land at the rear. The Town Council support CAMRA in their efforts to save the Walmer Castle and instruct the Clerk to write a letter.

Proposed: Cllr King

Seconded: Cllr Pennington

**074: TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

- Cllr Cornford reported on an incident at West Bay. After discussion agreed a letter be sent to the Police, Police Commissioner and TDC expressing our concern with community safety as part of the TDC Corporate Plan.

Proposed: Cllr King

Seconded: Cllr Rolfe

**RESOLVED**

- Item re Council Steward to be deferred to a future meeting.

Proposed: Cllr King

Seconded: Cllr Morrish

**RESOLVED**

- Sea Road Site Visit: Cllr Ashbee to attend on behalf of Cllr Morrish
- Cllr Scott asked the Interim Clerk for clarification on Standing Orders in respect of proposals and amendments. Mr. Styles confirmed the item in question had followed correct procedure and had been carried out in a respectful way. During discussions it was pointed out that all Councillors should read and study their Standing Orders.
- Seaweed: There is a problem at both West Bay and St Mildred's Bay. Clerk instructed to send a letter to TDC copying in the Westgate on Sea District Councillors and the local KCC Councillor.

**NEXT MEETING**

7pm - 7 September 2015. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

**CHAIRMAN**