**WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting:** Planning & Environment Committee.

**Venue:** The Council Chamber, The Town Hall Building, 31 St Mildred’s Road, Westgate on Sea, CT8 8RE

**Time:** 7 pm.

**Date:** Monday 23 November 2015.

**Present**: Cllrs Charlton, Cornford, King, Morrish (Chairman), Nightingale, Rickett, Rolfe, Scott.

Town Clerk – Mrs. J. Williams

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|  | **ITEM** |  | **ACTION** |
| **132** | **CHAIRMAN** | Chairman’s opening remarks |  |
| **133** | **CO-OPTION** | Mr. G. Orton co-opted to the committee as a non-voting member.  Proposed: Cllr Rickett  Seconded: Cllr Rolfe  **RESOLVED** |  |
| **134** | **APOLOGIES** | Cllr. A. Ashbee – TDC meeting |  |
| **135** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** | None |  |
| **136** | **MINUTES** | The meeting received and approved as a true record (with one correction), the minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2015. (Minutes 104-116)  Proposed: Cllr King  Seconded: Cllr Charlton  **RESOLVED** |  |
| **137** | **WESTGATE AGAINST RUBBISH** | Meeting suspended for this item so the committee could hear Mr. Ray Taylor speak about this new initiative. |  |
| **138** | **ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE** | There are two types of assets, those that the council own and those that it doesn’t. Agreed that a working party look at compiling details to bring back to council. Members of the working party are: Cllrs. Charlton, Morrish, Nightingale, Rickett  Proposed: Cllr Charlton  Seconded: Cllr Rickett  **RESOLVED** |  |
| **139** | **LYMINGTON RD RECREATIONAL GROUND** | This was donated as a memorial to the old Parish Council and the current Town Council are looking at reclaiming it for the town.  Football Pitches: Public wish to know whether the Town Council are going to be putting these back into use.  Clerk advised that she and Cllr King have a follow up meeting with representatives of TDC to discuss these matters further and report back to council. | **Clerk & TC Chair**  **Clerk & TC Chair** |
| **140** | **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** | F/TH/15/0961 – 8 Westleigh Road – This application now approved by TDC. After lengthy debate and advice from Cllr King and the Clerk, members agreed that the following lessons be learnt for the future:   1. When there are controversial or difficult planning applications, to make sure that the Ward Councillors are asked to “call it in” so it is discussed at committee. 2. Letter to be sent to TDC re the decision on Westleigh Road.   Proposed: Cllr Morrish  Seconded: Cllr Scott  **RESOLVED**  FH/TH/15/1057 – Flat 2, 33 Westgate Bay Avenue – Considered that, as the property is an important historic terrace and the windows are decorative, intricate and rare and made of wood, then any replacement windows should be made of wood of the same design and quality to conform to the original design.  Proposed: Cllr King  Seconded: Cllr Scott  **RESOLVED**  FH/TH/15/0935 – Flat 1, 69 Sea Road, No comment  FH/TH/15/1013 – 6 Carlton Road West, No comment  F/TH/15/1030 – 18 Carlton Road East, No comment  F/TH/15/1015 – 128 Minster Road, No comment  Proposed: Cllr King  Seconded: Cllr Nightingale  **RESOLVED** |  |
| **141** | **LOCAL PLAN FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY** | The unapproved minutes were received and the proposed amendments to the minutes noted.  Letter from Sir Roger Gale discussed and it was agreed a letter is sent to TDC asking them to clarify (a) Their strategy for empty homes and (b) How many empty homes will be used in the Local Plan.  It was further agreed that attention should be drawn to the fact that the land being proposed for new housing is on prime 1 agricultural land and that this council needs to identify the brown field sites in Thanet and ensure these are used first.  Proposed: Cllr Scott  Seconded: Cllr King  **RESOLVED**  It was agreed that Westgate-on-Sea Town Council should affiliate with the KFAS (Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.)  Proposed: Cllr King  Seconded: Cllr Nightingale  **RESOLVED** |  |
| **142** | **ENVIRONMENT MATTERS** | **Bumblebee conservation:** After discussion noted that this is being dealt with by Linksfield Town Green.  **Movement of Margate sign on Canterbury Road.** Two representatives from KCC met with Cllrs Cornford and King and agreed to take this matter back to County, so it is hoped to see some movement in the near future.  **Shop Canopies**: Cllr Pennington has spoken with CAAG and local traders investigating grants which may be availableand has also spoken to Heritage Lottery Officer. **Cllr Penning to report to Council.** |  |
| **143** | **TOWN CLERK** | Updates were provided on the following:   * Website and Cllr Cornford agreed to proof read the site. * Timings for submitting precept for next year * Email addresses – councillors to sort as quickly as possible. * Reminder about New Councillor Induction on 2 December. * Community Survey – 3,500 to be printed.   Proposed: Cllr King  Seconded: Cllr Morrish  **RESOLVED** |  |
| **144** | **NEXT MEETING** | 7pm, 18 January 2016 |  |

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm