

## WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**Meeting:** EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

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

**Date:** 20th July 2015.

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

Mr R.Styles: Interim Clerk.

Ms J.Williams Clerk designate

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**049: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr – Nightingale - Leave.

Cllr –Ashbee –Other business.

Cllr- Charlton – leave.

Cllr- Pennington – Family matters.

**050: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**051: MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2015 (Minutes 034-048)

Proposed by: Cllr Scott.

Seconded By: Cllr Rickett.

**RESOLVED**

**052: APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT TOWN CLERK**

The matter was held in camera with no public present.

Ms J. Williams was selected by the interview panel and after a thorough discussion it was decided to set her pay at SCP 31 and to review the pay scale and her working hours after an initial 6 months.

Proposed by: Cllr Rickett.

Seconded By: Cllr Scott.

**RESOLVED**

**053: TABLES FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

The Chairman stated that the tables used at present were not adequate for a Town Council. A debate took place and it was decided to defer the decision until the next Council meeting to give an opportunity for all members to consider the matter.

Proposed by: Cllr Rickett.

Seconded By: Cllr Morrish.

**RESOLVED**

**054: COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Chairman said that the construction of a website for the Council was now a matter of priority, as this is now the major means of keeping the public fully informed of the Council's activities. Cllr Rolfe agreed and urged speedier action.

The Clerk offered to consult HBR the contractors for the Ramsgate town website and Cllr Rickett said that he would consult his contacts. The quotation received by the Chairman would remain on the table for reference.

The matter would then be put before the Council meeting in September for action.

Proposed by: Cllr Rickett.

Seconded by: Cllr Rolfe.

**RESOLVED**

**055: CLEANING UP WESTGATE ON SEA**

The Clerk read out a letter he had drafted to the TDC Director of operations on cleaning, Lymington Road sports field and War memorials. The Clerk was handed a memorandum on St Mildred's road composed by the Chairman and Cllr Cornford which will be added to the letter. The letter was received and noted.

**056: DIVISION OF ASSETS BY MARGATE CHARTER TRUSTEES**

The Clerk read out a letter he had drafted to the Charter trustees which fully outlined the Council's position and a working solution to resolving the impasse. The letter was received and noted.

**057: COAT OF ARMS/INSIGNIA**

The colouring of the coat of arms has still to be determined as there are no records extant of the original colouring, however the most authentic facsimile will be available for approval at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

The meeting also agreed to resolve the matter of the status and name of the council with a definitive resolution as follows:

*'The Council resolve under section 245(6) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the parish shall have the status of a town and resolve under section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972, to request the Thanet District Council to change the name of the parish to the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council.'*

Proposed by: Cllr King.

Seconded by: Cllr Rolfe.

**RESOLVED**

**NEXT MEETING**

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015. The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.59pm.

**CHAIRMAN**