



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council of
Westgate-On Sea Town Council**

on 5th September 2017

Held at

Town Hall Buildings, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8RE

Present	Cllr King (Chairman), Cllr Cornford, Cllr Nightingale Cllr Page, Cllr Pennington; Cllr P O'Connor, Cllr Rolfe, Cllr Scott	
Also in attendance	Miss Julie Pilbeam (Town Clerk), 15 members of the public,	
	To receive apologies for absence There were none.	
	Declarations of Interest There were none.	
	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 3 rd July 2017 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
	Chairman's announcements The chairman explained the usual housekeeping rules. The chairman thanked the United Reform Church for welcoming the town council to its new meeting venue. The chairman explained that historically, when the council was first formed, meetings were held in this building and that it was good to return. Thanks were noted to the church committee for facilitating the town council's meetings. The Chairman welcomed new co-opted councillor Pauline O'Connor replacing Ex-Cllr Rickett. The Chairman also reported that since the last meeting Cllr Morrish has resigned and Thanet District Council have confirmed that there will be an election at a date to be agreed in October.	
	Public Participation Session There were no public participation requests.	
	Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the bank holiday weekend of Punch and Judy was a great success, weather was very good and good responses to all three days. 800 – 1000 visitors	

	<p>were expected to have visited over the three days and all age groups were present.</p> <p>The Chairman congratulated the Events and Tourism Committee and Town Clerk for making the event a great success.</p> <p>The Chairman reported the resignation of Cllr Morrish and the very public way it had been done. The Chairman explained that there was no need to do this and he considered that it was designed to undermine the work of what most councillors are trying to do, which is to promote the interests of the council for which the residents are paying for. Despite this, the Chairman wished him well for the future.</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted the progress of the council and referred to the newsletter which contained information about future asset transfers, Westgate cubs tree planting, removal of graffiti around the town and pavements being addressed in deep cleaning. The Chairman confirmed that the council has set aside a budget for legal assistance for opposing the Local Plan, has been financially supporting youth project and is fighting against the proposed parking charges by Thanet District Council(TDC). The Chairman reported that the council had been attempting to obtain an abstention for Westgate but the meeting that was booked with the Leader of TDC was cancelled by him at the last minute and the clerk is making applications for another date meeting.</p>	
	<p>Town Clerk's Report It was reported that the Asset of Community Value Nomination for Westgate Pavilion has been accepted by Thanet District Council.</p>	
	<p>Reports from District Councillors There were none present</p>	
	<p>Reports from County Councillors There were none present.</p>	
	<p>Report from Community Warden Laura Bungard reported that the month has been particularly busy with reports from residents about nuisance youths, possible drug dealing and uninsured vehicles all details are with the police. Laura reported that lots of untaxed vehicles had been identified and they are being removed quickly. Laura also reported that there is now a new leaflet which can be put on cars parked on pavements and rubbish in squares and alleyways continues to be a problem All issues are to be reported to the TDC street scene department.</p>	

	<p>Visits for the vulnerable elderly are still being carried out and proving good at identifying needs. Laura was thanked for her work in the town.</p>	
	<p>Reports from Councillors Cllr Scott reported that she had collated the results from the Neighbourhood Plan survey. Over 500 residents had responded. The results were circulated to councillors and read aloud. Cllr Rolfe thanked the Neighbourhood Plan for their work. Cllr Cornford reported that Westgate Against Rubbish performed a joint litter pick with the Birchington litter group at Epple Bay. Cllr Cornford reported that she attended the community centre at the weekend and found out that one of the old shops in Westbury Road is rented by ‘Springways’ – a centre for those with mental health to visit. Cllr Pennington reported that the publication on a report on coastal towns indicated Thanet is one of the more deprived and neglected seaside towns. It was noted that it was good to see the new bar in St Mildred’s Bay opened and a new hairdresser in Station Road. Cllr Nightingale reported that he had been negotiating with the station manager in Faversham responsible for the Westgate station. The manager said he was unaware of the filthy condition and committed to doing more. It was noted that one station staff member will be available each week to issue tickets and should be in situ after their training in approximately one month.</p>	
	<p>Minutes of Committees The following minutes from committees held since the last Full Council meeting were noted: (a) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 17/07/2017 (b) Events and Tourism Committee – 10/07/2017</p>	
	<p>To Approve Vexatious Complaints Policy It was agreed to add ‘external and internal customers’ It was agreed to add abusive and foul language in emails It was agreed to include a dictionary definition of Vexatious included. It was agreed to remove the need for the chairman to be consulted in the first instance. It was agreed to remove ‘by phone’ from the policy. It was agreed to refer to ‘in a timely manner’ as 20 working days’. It was RESOLVED for the changes to be made and returned to the October Full Council for final approval.</p>	

	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>T/FH/0967 Vodafone 46875 44 Station Road, Westgate-on-Sea Application for erection of a 14.4 metre monopole. Antennas. GRANTED PERMISSION</p> <p>F/TH/17/0852 Land to rear of 15 Victoria Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea Erection of a 2-storey detached dwelling GRANTED PERMISSION</p> <p>F/TH/0870 38 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea Installation of 2no. condenser units to rear elevation GRANTED PERMISSION</p> <p>F/TH/17/1247 33 Minster Road, Westgate-on-Sea Erection of single storey rear and side extension following demolition of existing. It was RESOLVED NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>F/TH/17/1083 Tower House, 125 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea Erection of new external fire escape spiral staircase to the rear of the building and erection of outbuilding together with minor internal alterations. It was RESOLVED NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>L/TH/17/1084 Tower House, 125 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea Application for Listed Building Consent for the erection of an external spiral staircase to the rear together with internal alterations to door positioning. It was RESOLVED NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>F/TH/17/1159 Westcliff House, 37A Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea Erection of a 4 storey front/side and rear extension balconies.. It was RESOLVED to support the application and strongly welcome proposals to the renovations of Westcliff House however there needs to be further consideration for the highways and increased traffic movements along St Clements, and reconsider adherence to policy D1 design principles in the Local Plan for Ellingham. The town council has considerable concerns for these two points.</p> <p>F/TH/17/1212 Land adjacent 36 Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea</p>	
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	<p>Variation of condition 2 of planning permission F/TH/17/1202 for the erection of 3no. dwellings to allow for reposition and enlargement of 2no. dormer windows to the front elevation and 3no. dormer windows to the rear elevations.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED NO OBJECTIONS.</p>	
	<p>To consider Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group status within the Town Council.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to defer the item to the next full council meeting.</p>	
	<p>To consider motion from Cllr Rolfe:</p> <p>That this council considers that Cllr Cornford is stood down as chair of the Human Resources Sub-Committee and does not hold a position of chair or vice chair or any other position of office within the council whilst legal action is pending against her from a Westgate-on-Sea resident.</p> <p>There was no seconder therefore the motion was not progressed.</p>	
	<p>Questions from Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Stewart raised an item to be included in the agenda for October to discuss the council having a councillors surgery on a Saturday to be more accessible to residents that work.</p> <p>Cllr Stewart also raised an item to be included in the agenda for October for Grants and Donations policy to have a clause written for beneficiaries to provide receipts and proof of work.</p> <p>Cllr Scott asked for an item to be added to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting to discuss the chairman's badge that was being investigated at the Finance and General Purposes Committee.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to continue the meeting for 15 minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Cornford asked if a post can be put on the pathway to prevent cars eastern end of St Mildred's Gardens. It was agreed that will be taken up by Finance and General Purposes Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Cornford asked for the Residents Association to be included on the website and the clerk confirmed that they had not provided details following a previous request.</p>	
	<p>Addendum to Agenda</p> <p>To consider that the right to participate in the public session at Town Council meetings will only be for those that reside in the town of Westgate-on-Sea.</p> <p>It was voted to not proceed with the motion.</p>	
	<p>Meeting Closed at 21.15pm</p>	

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Cllr Tom King
Chairman

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