

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES AND REPORTS OF A TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 15th AUGUST 2016

Councillors Present:

M. Carter, Mrs J. Curteis, H. Edwards, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, R. Lusty, M. Hickmott, C Knowles, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith (Town Mayor) and A. Sugden.

Officers Present:

Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham.

Others Present:

The Reverend Canon L. Hammond, Sergeant-at-Mace Mr. M. Winter and two members of the public.

Rev. L. Hammond said prayers.

2982 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Hannett and Thorpe, and Community Warden Mrs. J. Vos.

2983 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

2984 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on 4th July 2016, and the special meeting held on 25th July 2016 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

2985 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

2986 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS.**

(a) Lighting columns in Wealden Avenue. Mr. R. Vaughan of Wealden Avenue complained that two lighting columns removed from Wealden Avenue in December 2015 had still not been replaced, in spite of assurances that the work would be completed by summer 2016. Cllr. Nelson reported that he had made enquiries on this matter, and had been assured that the work would be completed by the end of the summer. Cllr. Knowles added that he had raised the issue at Ashford Borough Council, and reported that ABC had taken on responsibility for all lighting columns in the borough, and the two in question had been highlighted as needing urgent replacement.

(b) Dog Waste. Cllr. Lusty stated that he felt that the level of dog mess in the town had risen to alarming levels, and asked that a letter be written to ABC demanding that action be taken. The Town Clerk reported that a new system was due to be implemented in September 2016 whereby people allowing their dogs to foul the pavement (or dropping litter) would be fined. Cllr. Lusty demanded that a letter still be sent ahead of this new solution being implemented.

2987 **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Subject to any specific questions or objections, the Minutes and Reports of the under-mentioned Committees were taken as read and, being duly seconded, were approved and **ADOPTED** as part of the proceedings of the Town Council subject to the following recommendations which were voted upon by a show of hands;

Finance & General Purposes: 4th and 25th July 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Nelson.

Minute 3542 – Investment of Tent 1 Receipts. It was **RESOLVED** that receipts from the sale of the Town Council's land as part of the Tent 1 development would be invested as follows:

- (a) £1 million would be invested in CCLA Investment Management Limited, but this would be deferred 2 or 3 months, or longer if so advised.
- (b) £2.5 million would be immediately spread over four one-year bonds with stable well-known providers.
- (c) Apart from working funds in the current account, all other funds [plus the 1 million in (a) above] would be transferred to the deposit account. When advised that the CCLA investment was appropriate it would be transferred from that account.

Highways & Amenities: 4th July 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Hickmott.

Planning: 4th and 25th July and 1st August 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Lusty.

Public Buildings: 25th July 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Carter.

Tourism & Business: 4th July 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Mulholland.

2988 **REPORTS FROM APPOINTED TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

- (a) Tenterden & District Twinning Association. Cllr. Edwards reported that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the association had resulted in the appointment of Cllr. Carter as chairman, as well as other key personnel. This would allow the association to continue its work. Avallon's chair of twinning was due to personally visit Tenterden in October, and it was hoped that this would be an opportunity to formally invite Avallon's association to visit Tenterden in 2017 (this invitation having been impossible at the time of the last visit to Avallon, due to uncertainty over the future of the programme).

2989 **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- (a) St. Michaels Residents' Surgery. The next surgery in St. Michaels would be held on Saturday 10th September (rather than 3rd, as previously advertised).
- (b) SECAMB Defibrillator Awareness Session. A session had been arranged at the Town Hall on the evening of Thursday 25th August 2016.
- (c) Vineyard Tour. A tour of local vineyards (with cream tea at Smallhythe Place) had been arranged for 14th September 2016. Councillors were invited to attend, and were advised to contact the Town Clerk's office for more information.

The meeting opened at 7.00pm and closed at 7.17pm

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 26th day of September 2016.

Chairman..... (26.09.2016)