

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs A E Dawson – Town Mayor
Cllr S Raikes – Deputy Town Mayor

Cllr P Allen
Cllr J G Brigden
Cllr Camp (arr 8:06pm)
Cllr J M Canet
Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree
Cllr A Eyre

Cllr R Hogarth
Cllr J F London
Cllr R J Parry
Cllr R L Piper
Cllr M G Short
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe

(14)

In Attendance

Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Committee Clerk
Finance Officer
Press – 1

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Clayton and Towell

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda were received:-

- Cllr London declared a personal interest in any matters relating to Kent Police Authority, Kent County Council and Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority
- Cllr Parry declared a personal interest in any agenda items concerning Kent County Council.
- Cllrs Raikes and Walshe declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Stag Community Arts Centre.
- Cllrs Brigden, Piper and Mrs Dawson being Members of Sevenoaks District Council stated that they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at District level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Sevenoaks District Council.

27 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 15 June 2009 were received, adopted and signed.

28 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1 and 15 June 2009 were received, adopted and signed. The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 29 June 2009 were received and adopted subject to the following amendments:

29 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on 8 June 2009 and 29 June 2009 were received, adopted and signed.

30 STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE SHADOW TRUSTEES

The Mayor deferred this item to the next Council Meeting without debate.

31 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2009/10

The revised draft schedule of meetings for 2009/10 was received and noted.

32 STANDING COMMITTEES

It was resolved that the proposal to review the ratio on each committee to reflect the political make up of the Town Council be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

33 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

A quotation for the supply and fitting of an outer chain was received and discussed.

It was resolved that a second quotation be obtained for a new chain of office for the Town Mayor together with suitable regalia for the Deputy Mayor and the two Escorts. This will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

34 BENCHES AT BLIGH'S

A general discussion took place following receipt of a letter from a local resident regarding the benches at Bligh's.

It was resolved that the Town Council

- the Town Council write to Mr Peter Kaufmann-Kent to ask that the bench be reinstated in the original location or close to Dorothy Perkins.

35 ARMED FORCES DAY

A general discussion was held on whether to hold an event to commemorate Armed Forces Day in June 2010.

It was resolved that

- the Town Council's Officers put forward a proposal at a future meeting of the Council with events suitable to honour this occasion
- check the inscriptions on the War Memorial and any updates be discussed at the next Finance & General Purposes' meeting ready for unveiling if possible at Remembrance Sunday.

36 TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Mayor paid tribute to the Deputy Mayor and Councillors who covered the Mayor whilst on annual leave and where duplicate invitations occurred.

It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press be excluded for the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

37 OAKHILL ROAD

A report deferred from the Finance & General Purposes Committee on Monday, 8 June 2009 was received.

It was resolved that delegated authority to be given to officers to settle the matter relating to Oakhill Road Sevenoaks Limited in the best interest of the Town Council including negotiating a concession that the people of Sevenoaks have free access.

Cllr Mrs Canet voted against this decision.

38 PRESS RELEASE

No press releases were required

The Meeting closed at 8.54 pm

TOWN MAYOR