

PRESENT

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

Cllr P Allen
Cllr J M Canet
Cllr A S Clayton (arr. 7.14pm)
Cllr R L Piper
Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree
Cllr A Eyre

Cllr R Hogarth (arr. 7/05pm)
Cllr J F London
Cllr R J Parry
Cllr M G Short
Cllr P E Towell (arr. 7.30pm)
(13)

Chief Executive & Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brigden and Walshe

Natalie Beresford (New Committee Clerk) was introduced to the Council.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr J M Canet, spoke as a member of the public on the matter of the public conveniences in Sevenoaks. Cllr Canet had received many comments regarding the proposal by Sevenoaks District Council to close the Lower and Upper St Johns Public Conveniences and support that the Town Council is considering taking the responsibility of the Public Conveniences.

She had been asked about the possibility of re-opening public conveniences behind Waitrose.

The Mayor responded that this matter be referred to the next F&GP meeting on 2 November 2009 and that members of the public be urged to fill in questionnaires available from the Town Council Offices, the Tourist Information Centre and on line at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Councillor Eyre mentioned that the toilets at the Stag Community Arts Centre are open to the public until 8.00pm and 10.00pm when the Centre is being used

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllrs Mrs Dawson and Piper being Members of Sevenoaks District Council, stated 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.

Cllr London declared a personal interest in any matters relating to Kent County Council and Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority. He further declared an interest in any matters relating to the Stag Community Arts Centre.

Cllr Parry declared a personal interest in all agenda items concerning Kent County Council and Kent Fire and Rescue Authority.

Cllr Raikes declared a personal interest in any matters relating to The Stag: Community Arts Centre.

45 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 6 July were received and adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 14 September were received and adopted, subject to amendment – Declaration of Interests, Cllr Parry insert Authority after Kent Fire and Rescue.

46 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 13 and 27 July 2009, and 10 and 24 August 2009 were received and adopted.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 14 September 2009, were received and adopted, subject to following amendments:

- Page 52, paragraph 1: delete the first “not”, to read “The Academy is being built not only for today’s children but for future years.”
- Page 52, paragraph 3: Correct spelling of Hayesbrook (add ‘e’).

47 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20 July and 7 September 2009 were received and adopted.

48 OPEN SPACE & LEISURE

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee held on 6 July 2009 were received and adopted.

49 STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE SHADOW TRUSTEES

The minutes of the meeting of the Stag Community Arts Centre Shadow Trustees held on 9 September 2009 were received and adopted.

50 STANDING AND SUB COMMITTEES

i) Standing Committees

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be asked to produce councillor ratios for meetings broadly reflecting the political composition of the Council for the Annual Council meeting in May 2010

ii) Sub Committees

It was noted that the Youth Service Sub Committee and Community Centre Management Sub Committee includes the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the F&GP Committee (unless they signify that they do not wish to serve).

51 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

Following debate it was **RESOLVED that**:

- **Mayor's Chain:** the quotation from Vaughtons (£165), for the refurbishment and regilding of the chain including new pins and retaining chain be accepted
- **Deputy Mayor:** the quotation from Vaughtons (£110) for the option of retaining the existing badge, with a bigger back plate and a ribbon be accepted
- **Mayor's Consort's Badge of Office:**
- The existing badge of office be remounted as per quotation from Vaughtons (£110). Cllr Allen offered to purchase this. The Town Mayor asked that the minutes show the Town Council's thanks for the most generous offer of purchasing the Mayor's Consort's badge.

It was further **RESOLVED that** an inventory, including photographs of all the regalia be made to keep an audit trail of the regalia and for insurance purposes.

52 TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Town Mayor's engagements for July and August were received and noted. Town Mayor gave thanks to those who attended duplicate engagements in July and August on her behalf.

53 PRESS RELEASE

It was considered that details regarding the current Public Convenience consultation, (hard copies of the questionnaire available at the Town Council Office and the TIC) alternative public conveniences in the town, (including at the Stag and the Library) would be suitable for press release.

The Meeting closed at 8.05 pm

TOWN MAYOR