

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 18 November 2013 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Cllr R M C Hogarth – Mayor

Cllr S L Arnold (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr R J Parry
Cllrs C L L Baker <i>[left at 7:35pm]</i>	Cllr R L Piper
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Cllr S G Raikes
Cllr J M Canet <i>[left at 7:35pm]</i>	Cllr P E Towell
Cllr A S Clayton <i>[arrived 7:35pm]</i>	Cllr Mrs P C Walshe
Cllr A Eyre	(12)

Also Present

Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs G R S Clack, Mrs M E Crabtree, Mrs A E Dawson, Mrs M A London

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

253 DISPENSATION

No requests from Members regarding any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any items on the agenda were received [S31 &33 Localism Act 2011 refers].

254 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R J Parry declared an interest regarding Kent County Council's consultation "Face the Challenge" under Agenda Item 8/Minute No 260 of the meeting of the Town Council.

255 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 7 October 2013 be received, adopted and signed as a true record subject to a typographical amendment on page 119 to read "1978 to 2012" and not to 20012.

256 PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 14 and 12 October and 11 November 2013 be received and adopted as a true record.

257 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 7 October 2013 be received and noted.

258 OPEN SPACES & LEISURE COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee held on 21 October 2013 be received and adopted as a true record.

259 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4 November 2013 be received and adopted as a true record.

260 KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

A letter dated 29 October 2013 received from Kent County Council together with "Face the Challenge" consultation document were received and discussed by the Town council. **It was NOTED that** the consultation deadline be extended to 22 November 2013. **It was RESOLVED that** the Town Clerk write to the Leader of Kent County Council, specifically noting the following points to accompany the Town Council's comments regarding the consultation document:

- a) the document was not written in plain English
- b) the document's appearance resembled that of one from a management consultancy without practical solutions
- c) ratepayers are not 'customers'
- d) Document made no reference to partnerships
- e) The Town Council's recent experiences and issues with regard to the KCC's policy, did not seem to fit in with the ethos of the results trying to be achieved by this consultation.

261 CIVIC EVENTS

The Council received and noted the

- a) functions attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or representative from October to November 2013
- b) Civic Events hosted/to be hosted by the Mayor for the period July 2013 to April 2014

262 PRESS RELEASE

No item was considered worthy of a press release.

The meeting closed at 7.38pm

Signed by

MAYOR