

18<sup>th</sup> January 2010

At an Ordinary Meeting of **Sandwich Town Council** this day present: -

The Mayor (in the Chair)  
Councillor Bragg

- “ Butcher
- “ Carter
- “ Clifford-Amos
- “ Mrs Creedy
- “ Leith
- “ Moorhouse
- “ Perry
- “ Scollard
- “ Scott
- “ Sneller
- “ Watts

1. The Mayor reported the recent passing of John Stables, a local resident and long standing attendee at town council meetings, and a minute's silence was held in his memory. He also reported the lighting at the Butts recreation ground is due to be installed in March, subject to weather conditions.
2. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Graeme and Mrs Dunay due to holiday commitments and Councillor Daw due to illness.
3. Councillors Butcher and Leith declared personal interests in all matters relating to DDC. Councillor Sneller declared a prejudicial interest in Item 7-DOV/09/01062.
4. The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were confirmed and signed.
5. The schedule of payments, totalling £801.77, was received, approved and signed.
6. No requests to speak were received from members of the public.
7. The following decisions on planning applications were made for transmission to Dover District Council. (Councillor Leith left the meeting whilst the applications were considered)  
DOV/09/01158-Alterations to existing shopfront-Spar Store, 16-18 Market Street, Sandwich  
NO OBJECTION  
DOV/09/01062-Alterations to facilitate conversion of first and second floors to 3 self-contained flats-1 Potter Street, Sandwich (Councillor Sneller left the meeting whilst this application was being considered)  
NO OBJECTION  
TC/10/00001-Removal of six trees and repollard two trees-The Salutation, Knightrider Street, Sandwich  
NO OBJECTION

8. The following Planning Decisions, received from Dover District Council were reported:-
  - DOV/09/01077-Erection of a 3 storey rear extension (part demolition of existing first floor-41 High Street, Sandwich  
GRANTED PERMISSION
  - DOV/09/00867-Screening Opinion for tidal flood defences-Sandwich Tidal Flood Defences, Sandwich  
ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT REQUIRED
  - TC/09/00081-Works to one Maple, one Corkscrew Willow and two Acacia trees-Delf House, Delf Street, Sandwich  
RAISE NO OBJECTION
  
9. There was no planning correspondence to report.
  
10. Sandwich Town Council Newsletter Number 21 was considered and approved. Melanie Clarkson was congratulated for production of the publication.
  
11. The draft Data Protection Policy, Use of Mobile Phones While Driving Policy, Disability Discrimination Policy and Complaints Procedure were considered, APPROVED and commended.
  
12. The following correspondence was reported from:-
  - (a) Dr S Ladyman re. Sandwich Sports Centre. Item referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.
  - (b) Local Works re. Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. Noted.
  - (c) Local Resident re. Sandwich Flood Defences. Noted.
  - (d) Dover District Voluntary and Community Sector Network re. Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Noted. Anyone wishing to attend to inform the Town Clerk.
  - (e) Reg Hansell re. Hospital Delay. Noted.
  - (f) Sarah Loftus re. Green Tourism Project for Rural Thanet and Sandwich meeting on 21 January. Councillor Carter is unable to attend but Councillor Clifford –Amos indicated that he may be able to.
  
13. District Councillor Butcher had nothing of interest to Sandwich to report. District Councillor Leith reported that investigations regarding The Limes are proceeding extremely slowly but the owners have been given a time frame in which to allow access to the property. Councillor Scollard asked if action was planned regarding abandoned vehicles on the site and Councillor Leith replied that access gained to the property would be to assess planning matters relating to the building only. Councillor Leith confirmed that planning advice fees have been introduced and are charged on a sliding scale. He emphasised that any advice given does not guarantee planning permission but is merely to assist the applicant with completion of the paperwork. He is also receiving complaints about the increasing number of caravans on the Ash by-pass and this matter is currently being investigated. He has also made enquiries at DDC regarding lease of district owned empty commercial properties in the town and is awaiting a reply from the officer concerned.
  
14. There was no additional correspondence to report.

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At a meeting of the **Trustees of Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund** this day present: -

Councillor Trussler (in the Chair)

- “ Bragg
- “ Butcher
- “ Carter
- “ Clifford-Amos
- “ Mrs Creedy
- “ Leith
- “ Moorhouse
- “ Perry
- “ Scollard
- “ Scott
- “ Sneller
- “ Watts

1. Apologies were received from Councillors Daw, Graeme and Mrs Dunay.
2. Councillors Scott, Sneller and Watts declared interests in Item 7(b).
3. The Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were confirmed and signed.
4. The Minutes of the Halls Committee Meeting, held on 4<sup>th</sup> January were confirmed and signed. The recommendations contained in Items 2-5 were APPROVED.
5. Payments of £2,238.80 were approved.
6. The performance of the portfolio, held with Cheviot Asset Management was reviewed. Councillor Bragg stated that he and Councillor Graeme had studied the latest portfolio valuation in detail and the current balance exceeded predicted targets. The Clerk to the Trustees to make two general enquiries to Cheviot but it was agreed that Trustees are currently happy with the manner in which the portfolio is being managed and its performance.
7. The following correspondence was reported from:-
  - (a) Cheviot Asset Management re. Purchase of GKN. Noted.
  - (b) Rotary Club of Sandwich re. Stroke Awareness Day. Permission was APPROVED for use of the Guildhall forecourt on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 on the condition that it can be accommodated with the Farmers' Market.
  - (c) Cheviot Asset Management re. Trim of Prudential holdings. Noted.

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At a meeting of the **Advisory Committee of Sandwich Town Council** held this day present:-

Councillor Trussler (in the Chair)

- “ Scollard
- “ Clifford-Amos
- “ Leith
- “ Perry
- “ Scott
- “ Sneller

1. Apologies were received from Councillor Daw.
2. Councillor Leith declared a personal interest in Item 3 and took no part in voting.
3. The Mayor thanked the residents of Poulders Gardens for their interest, correspondence and petitions over the past weeks. He also thanked Councillor Butcher for his report which was considered jointly with a report from the Town Clerk and various other e-mails and correspondence regarding Poulders Gardens Play Area. After lengthy discussion and debate it was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that:-
  - A town council public amenity committee be set up;
  - Two representatives from this committee sit on a residents/friends committee, formed by the residents of Poulders Gardens. This residents/friends committee to investigate means of funding replacement equipment when required;
  - A meeting of the town council public amenity committee be set for 24<sup>th</sup> May to consider how the town council can assist the residents of Poulders Gardens with keeping the play area open;
  - Future funding for day to day management of the play area to be considered in November 2010 when the budget for 2011/12 is set.
  - The Mayor, and possibly Councillor Scott, to attend a meeting at DDC to request that the play area remains open until the town council can re-evaluate the situation.
4. Various information regarding the admittance of honorary freemen/freewomen was discussed. The Chairman reported that three Sandwich residents, namely Mr R Chesterfield, Mr C Wanostrocht and Councillor J Bragg have been nominated for rendering eminent services to the town. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that all three names be progressed to be considered for admittance at a special meeting of the town council to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. (Councillor Perry requested that his abstention from the vote be recorded).  
It was also **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the title be confined to the traditional title of honorary freeman, regardless of gender.