

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Marron (Chairman), Cooper, Cox, Jones, Perry, Ratcliffe, Shepherd, Spademan, Sykes, Taylor, Whittaker, Winteringham & West. ten members of the public, & the clerk.

Before the start of the meeting Rev. Rebecca Haughty led the Council in prayers.

1. To receive any apologies for absence. All councillors were present.
2. To receive any declarations of interests in relation to any agenda item. Councillors are asked to declare their interest as either pecuniary or non-pecuniary. None were given.
3. Consider closing the meeting to allow an opportunity for person(s) or groups to address the council for a period of up to 15 minutes. Cllr Perry proposed closing the meeting, 2nd Cllr Cox. Vincent Ryan representing Costa Coffee through a planning consultancy BartonWillmore spoke about the Costa Coffee proposal. Costa Coffee is a British company. Cup of Coff would be franchisee - it is a family business and this will be the 4th outlet in their group of shops. Their enquiries reveal there is a high proportion of retail shops within the town. Current strategy talks about an outdated policy of retaining the present % of A1 retail outlets. The emerging plan does take changes into account where 33% of non-retail outlets will be allowed. It is the intention to keep the conservation front of the shop with trading from 8am to 8pm. The whole building will get a makeover to enhance the street scene. It is the intention of the company to fully integrate into the town and engage with the local people. Annette Blanchard then spoke about the Costa plan. She felt Costa is a brand which will make the town no longer independent. Once one comes in it is likely others will follow. It is such a shame the over-riding thing is the chain name – in her view it will result in the rents being increased. Annette said she had received support for her view and urged others to get involved. Every shop is different but it is her definite view that there is not enough trade to justify a further double fronted coffee shop. John Brown then spoke about the Neighbourhood Development Plan being compiled for the town. Two plans being considered - a community led plan and neighbourhood development plan which the Council have got to submit. Pocklington Futures are to report in January 2013 on their work on their NDP. A complete plan will be submitted by May. He had spoken to Town Planning consultants who are based locally who are willing to get involved. The current advice is for CLP to support the NDP but it can't be a substitute for your own consultation. A Neighbourhood development Plan can be completed in 12months but most take 18months. There is therefore an urgent need to get started. A formal notice has to be lodged with the ERYC. Broadlands in Norfolk have embarked on the process which is said to be in a simplified form which would be useful to copy. The Autumn update on planning says the timetable for the LDP is being brought forward with Core

strategy & Draft Allocation Strategy to be circulated shortly. Groups will need to respond to this report which it is hoped will be in accord to the councils overall view.

4. Consider re-opening the meeting Cllr Spademan proposed the meeting be reopened 2nd Cllr Perry and agreed.

5. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report to include a progress report on digitization and plans for repayment of loan. James Duffy & Janet Farmer verbally gave a review of the report (attached). Janet said a joint meeting between the PAC management team and the Council would be beneficial. Cllr Taylor expressed an interest in becoming one of the councillor representatives. She is to have a meeting with Janet & James to discuss the requirements of the post.

6. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th October 2012. These were proposed by Cllr Perry, 2nd Cllr Cox and agreed.

7. To report matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda – for information only. Cllr Perry raised the problem of restricted opening hours of Pocklington Police Station. He wanted an assurance that this is only temporary measure.

8. Consider an update on the problems being experienced at the Broadmanor greenspace The Youth Support Services supervisor had submitted a report which was read by the Mayor detailing their actions. The Mayor and other councillors have made visits. Cllr Spademan had visited and on one occasion found youngsters being noisy. Cllr Spademan proposed closing the meeting. 2nd Cllr Cox & agreed. The Broadmanor resident was invited to speak to the council. She said there had been an improvement but feared for next spring. If the time of opening was reduced to 8pm could this be enforced? The lady still advocated closing the playpark. It was suggested that the lady speak to her neighbours and update us on any actions we could consider making to alleviate the problem. Cllr Marron said the council would give consideration to any ideas that came from her discussion with neighbours. Cllr Jones proposed the meeting be re-opened. 2nd Cllr Spademan and agreed.

9. Consider the idea of holding a Mayor-Making Festival rather than the present arrangements. A paper was presented by Cllr Marron (attached). A community family night out was planned. Cllr Cooper said he feared the formality would be lost. Cllr Sykes said it would be sad to see the present arrangements completely replaced. Cllr Taylor suggested put it on the next agenda for a more detailed consideration at next months meeting which was agreed.

10. Consider the final arrangements for the Annual Meeting on 15th November 2012 The event is to take place at Pocklington Arts centre at 7.30pm. publicity has been given and a power-point presentation prepared.

11. Consider updates on the council's priorities 1. 1st. floor refurbishment Oak House. The clerk reported on progress to date and circulated the artists impression of the refurbishment. Youth Council. Cllr Shepherd reported on a meeting with Jane Clarke from the Youth Service 11 youngsters will form the council which should be up and running by January. A grant of £500 will be given by ERYC and Cllr Shepherd asked for an item to be placed on next months agenda to consider matched funding. Neighbourhood Development plan had already been dealt with.

12. Discuss any further action to be taken regarding the West Green & Costa Coffee developments. A meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th November to consider the West Green & The Mile proposed developments.

13. Receive a verbal report from our district councillors. Councillor West had had to leave for another meeting so no report was made.

14. To receive the financial statement of
 (a) Pocklington Town Council and agree payments
 (b) Consider the bank statements, and agree payments from Pocklington Arts Centre. Cllr Shepherd proposed the below payments be authorised 2nd Cllr Cooper & agreed.

PTC

BP	4207 GT Graphics	Leaflets/Banners	31.40
	4203 Aldby Field Farm	Plants	257.04
	4203 J Parker Dutch Bulbs	Bulbs	85.74
	4036 Steve Wilcock	Gents W/C - Repairs	115.20
2502	various Petty cash	Petty cash	65.81
		total	555.19

PAC

BP	Big Sign Co	Banners	114.00
BACS	City Screen Limited	Fee	£630.60
BACS	KJ Falkingham	Hardware	£40.45
BACS	Royal National Theatre	Programmes	£45.00
BACS	NCT	Fee	£780.00
BACS	H Steele	Fee	£435.71
BACS	One Event Solutions	Hire Fee	£720.00
BACS	GT Graphics	Printing	£985.20
BACS	Florida Marquees	Fee	£900.00
105305	Petty Cash	Cash	£200.00
		total	4,850.96

15. To agree the list of burials. The burials of Harry Fisher, Mary Elizabeth Wilson, David Marston Holland, Winston Greatorix and Rita Ann Johnson be agreed along with memorials for Owen Lawrence & Kathleen Turner Steel. Proposed by Cllr Jones & 2nd Cllr Taylor and agreed.

16. Correspondence – as per list

39. The draft account from Peter Hirshfield to be referred to the next meeting.

41. The closure of the Police Station enquiry office several days a week to be further discussed.

17. Consider the Town Clerk's report The report was noted
18. Consider and agree the minutes of the Development & Marketing 24.10.2012. Cllr Spademan noted that a number of councillors had attended who were not members of that committee but no proposition was made to let them take part. This was to be noted for future meetings. Cllr Shepherd proposed the minutes be accepted. 2nd Cllr Cox and agreed. Planning 17.10.2012. Cllr Cooper suggested the reference to Pock Futures be taken out. The proposal did not attract a seconder. Cllr West proposed they be accepted 2nd Cllr Taylor and agreed with one against. Road Safety 07.11.2012 Cllr Ratcliffe's absence needed including. Cllr Cox proposed they be accepted 2nd Cllr West & agreed. It was decided to review the committee membership and make sure each councillor is given a copy.
19. Receive reports from any other meetings – Gateway etc. Cllr Winterton reported how good the training had been. FLAG Festival Shop Cooper. Cllr Marron gave a list of his engagements
20. Consider closing the meeting to the public Proposed by Cllr Marron 2nd Cllr Cox & agreed
21. Discuss correspondence items 3 & 4 from Christopher Perry. General support was given to the clerk and the update on the current situation noted. It was agreed the council should award an honorarium of £250 to Terry Melia who had worked so hard as a volunteer in maintaining the cemetery. The applications from Ross Jennings and Sheila Derrick to join the Arts Centre Management team were approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1	Cllr G Perry	Comments re D&M Meeting
2	Cllr M Cooper	Linden Homes
3	C Perry	Re quashing of ASBO
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5	Pock Group Practice	Relocation of Practice Dispensary
6	EYMS	Finger Post
7	ERYC	Consecrated land
8	Insolvency Service	Neil and Clare Saunders
9	Roger Bruton	Costa Coffee
10	NALC	Policy Briefing
11	ERYC	Economic Development Strategy
12	Playscheme	Gates at Broadmanor play park
13	Geoff Bell	The Oak House
14	ERYC	Barmby Moor-various issues
15	HWRCC	ERVAS Membership
16	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Parade
17	ERYC	Pock Cycle Signing Summary
18	ERYC	Dog Control Order Review
19	Chris Waite	Pocktoberfest thanks
20	PAC	Pocktoberfest Reviews

21	Around & About	Distribution Report
22	D Standen	Costa Coffee
23	ERYC	Precept (Town & Parish Councils)
24	ERNLLCA	Code of Conduct
25	Richard Borrie	Gritting this Winter
		Town Meeting/Remembrance
26	Sgt Peter Rogers	Day
27	Cllr M Cooper	100yr anniversary of WW1
28	Pocklington Lions	Donation to Mayor's Charity
29	NALC	DAS Precept Survey
30	Sgt Peter Rogers	Take Care at Christmas
31	ERYC	Diversion of Footpath
32	Army Cadet Force	Change of Command
33	T Booth-Robinson	Help with Planning qualification
34	Sharon Pratt	Road Safety - Cemetery Lane
35	James Duffy	Costa Coffee - Totnes
36	Les Usher	Remembrance Day - Thanks
37	Douglas Jaram	1st Floor Refurbishment
		Consumer Empowerment
38	ERYC	Seminar
39	Mark Ronan	P Hirschfield costs
40	Duncan Roe	Re Broadmanor
41	Sgt Peter Rogers	Re office opening hours

MEETINGS & INVITATIONS

1	Playarea Group	Minutes 23 Oct 12
2	History Group	Epitaph for a Railway 23/11/12
3	Wolds Gateway	Minutes 9 Oct 12
4	Wolds Gateway	Agenda 13 Nov 12

BULLETINS AND NEWSLETTERS

1	ER Local Plan	Autumn Update
2	Harrisons Signs	Displays and Exhibitions
3	ER Parish News	November Newsletter
4	AMT Insight	November Newsletter
5	ERNLLCA	November Newsletter