

Swanley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the FULL COUNCIL of Swanley Town Council held at the Civic Centre, Swanley on Wednesday 3 February 2016.

Present

Cllr J Barnes (Chairman)	Cllr R Morris
Cllr L Ball	Cllr N Scott
Cllr C Barnes	Cllr T Searles
Cllr R Brookbank	Cllr V Southern
Cllr L Dyball	
Cllr S Gaire	
Cllr J Halford	
Cllr M Hogg	

In attendance

J Pilbeam (Chief Executive)	
L Saunders (Operations Director)	
G Mills (Democratic Services Officer)	4 members of the public were present

The meeting commenced at 7.30 PM

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr L Gaire, Cllr E Komolafe and Cllr H Willingale for which reasons were given and approved. Cllr J Hulton-Scott was not present.

Declarations of Interests

There were none

Minutes

- 9931** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 9 December 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Minutes of Committee Meetings held since the last meeting of Full Council

- 9932** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of committee meetings held since the last meeting of Full Council be noted.

Mayors Communications

Cllr J Barnes reported orally on the events and activities he had undertaken as the Mayor of Swanley since the last meeting of Full Council.

- 9933** It was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Mayor be received.

Public Question Time including Public Participation Session.

7.35 PM - In accordance with Standing Order 3 (e) the meeting was adjourned in order to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

Residents asked a number of oral questions to which answers were given as appropriate.

7.40 PM – The meeting of Full Council reconvened

Report from County Councillors

Cllr Gough spoke about the final recommendations of the Boundary Commission which confirm that the Swanley County Division will be extended so that all but Swanley Village would come within the County Council constituency of Cllr Brookbank. Swanley Village would remain in the Sevenoaks North and Darent Valley constituency. Cllr Gough also said that the new county wide street lighting contract had now been awarded and the changeover to LED street lighting would commence in March but at present there was no indication as to when the changeover would commence in the Swanley area. Cllr Gough also said that he and Cllr Brookbank would shortly be meeting with KCC Highways staff to discuss issues including the effects of new developments on highway infrastructure. He said he was sure he and Cllr Brookbank would want to report back on this to a future meeting of the Town Council. Cllr Gough also gave an update on the ongoing discussions with Highways England and progress with the drainage works at Pinks Hill.

Cllr Brookbank said he would also be pushing for Highways England to complete the necessary work at Pinks Hill as soon as possible. He also said that the proposed work to Birchwood Corner has slipped in the highway programme. This was disappointing news but he would continue to press to have the work undertaken as soon as possible.

Both Councillor Gough and Councillor Brookbank spoke about the budget pressures facing KCC for 2016/17. Members then asked a number of questions to which Cllr Gough and Cllr Brookbank responded accordingly.

Report of the Chief Executive

9934 It was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Chief Executive be noted.

Public Contracts Regulations 2015 – Amendment to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

9935 It was **RESOLVED** that Full Council notes the changes introduced by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as detailed in the report and the Chief Executive be authorised to appropriately amend the Town Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations..

Policy on Dealing with Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints and Complaints

9936 It was **RESOLVED** that Full Council notes this report and approves the adoption of a policy on dealing with abusive, persistent or vexatious complaints and Complaints

Correspondence from KALC – KCC Consultation on Mobile Library Service.

9937 It was **RESOLVED** that this correspondence be noted

Patient Transport Service for Kent and Medway – Award of Contract

9938 It was **RESOLVED** that this correspondence be noted

8.45 PM. Before considering the confidential item on the agenda Full Council decided to adjourn its meeting so that the meeting of the Development Control Committee could take place whilst members of the public were still present.

9.05 PM. The meeting of Full Council reconvened.

The Woodlands

(This is an unrestricted minute of a matter which Full Council resolved should be discussed as a confidential matter in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Council's Standing Order 3(d) on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted)

This report provided members with an update since this matter was last discussed by Full Council at its meeting on 30 September 2015 and the Finance and Audit Committee at its meeting on 20 January 2016.

9939 Following debate the Council **RESOLVED** that the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority to undertake within existing budgets all necessary negotiations with the retirement living company referred to in the report and be authorised to appoint a consultant to advise on the detail of the sale as appropriate. Approval of the sale price is to be agreed by the Mayor and the Leader of the Council before proceeding with any acceptance of an offer. Cllr Hogg asked that his vote against this decision be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.15 PM

Signed CHAIRMAN

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