

Minutes of a meeting of **CROWBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL** held in the
Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Present	Councillors	Quentin Burch Peter Ellefsen Martyn Garrett * Richard Jury David Larkin George Moss Chris Moss Kay Moss David Neeves Alan Penney Ron Reed Greg Rose Wendy Scrace Matthew Street Sandra Timms Neil Waller	Deputy Mayor (Also WDC) (Also WDC) Mayor (Also WDC) (Also WDC)
Also present		Andy Beams	Town Clerk

*Denotes non attendance

The meeting opened with a prayer.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Martyn Garrett

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2018

- 8441 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2018 as confirmed be signed by the Chairman.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To note the audit report regarding the balance sheet and reserves and agree any action

Members debated whether the report provided the information they were looking for, and questioned the brief given to the auditors.

It was pointed out that the brief is included in the report, which has confirmed the net asset position as correct.

Some Members reiterated concerns that decisions have been made based on financial information which may have been incorrect, while others acknowledged that coding errors may have been made during the year, but separate audits had now confirmed the overall position as correct.

Some of the report's recommendations regarding the clarity of decision making and recording in the minutes had already been put into place, and the Clerk was asked to provide confirmation of any timing differences in the year end accounts which reflected in the reserves position by Tuesday 19th June.

To approve the signing of the Annual Governance Statement

Based on the previous discussion, Members agreed to defer approving the Annual Governance Statement until further information was received. Members acknowledged the consequences of not completing and returning the statutory return by the extended deadline of 2 July, and that internal audit reports received during the year confirmed adequate procedures are in place.

To approve the signing of the Annual Return

While the figures on the Annual return were not disputed, Members agreed to defer approving the Annual Return until further information was received.

PINE GROVE

To agree membership of the Pine Grove Working Group

Cllr George Moss informed Members that he was standing down as Chairman, but was willing to continue as part of the group. Members thanked Cllr Moss for his work on the project to date.

8442 RESOLVED that the working group consist of Cllrs Quentin Burch, Peter Ellefsen, David Larkin, George Moss, Alan Penney, Greg Rose and Sandra Timms.

8443 RESOLVED pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and they were asked to leave.

To note the report of the Pine Grove Working Group

Members of the working group spoke individually to outline the discussions of the meeting earlier that evening. Members compared the cost of continuing against stopping, and briefly discussed other options for the site.

Members discussed the need to review a cash flow forecast for the project before making a final decision, and to agree exactly where the required funding would come from, with this clearly recorded in the Council's accounts.

A proposal was made to stop the project, but no seconder was received and did not progress to a vote.

- 8444** **RESOLVED** that a further Pine Grove Working Group meeting be arranged to ascertain the financial information needed to make a recommendation to Full Council.

BUSINESS PLAN

Members had been sent a draft copy of the business plan to review. Members agreed that individual Councillor's names should be removed, and the plan needed re-formatting using the 2006/11 plan as a guide, and to include additional financial information.

- 8445** **RESOLVED** that membership of the Business Plan working group consist of Cllrs Quentin Burch, Peter Ellefsen, Kay Moss and Sandra Timms, and that a further meeting of the working group is to be arranged to review the draft plan and agree changes.

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING

None

The meeting closed at 9.05pm