

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Town Hall, Bexhill  
on Monday 9 July 2018 at 6:30pm.

Present: Councillors: J.M. Johnson (Chairman), S.D. Elford (Vice-Chairman), Lord Ampthill, A.K. Azad, J. Barnes (MBE), Mrs M.L. Barnes, R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, J.J. Carroll, R.C. Carroll, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, P.R. Douart, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, R.V. Elliston, K.M. Field, A.E. Ganly, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs J.M. Hughes, G.P. Johnson, B. Kentfield, M.J. Kenward, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, P.N. Osborne, J. Potts, Mrs S.M. Prochak, C.J. Saint and M.R. Watson.

Advisory officers present: Executive Director (MJ), Executive Director (AL), Assistant Director Resources and Democratic Services Manager.

Also present: John Williams and Chris Broome from Sea Change Sussex and 6 members of the public.

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Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman was delighted to introduce and welcome his Chaplain for the civic year Father Martin Harper. Father Martin was the Rector of St. Georges, Brede and St. Mary's Udimore.

**C18/20. MINUTES**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 May 2018 as a correct record of the proceedings.

**C18/21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T.W. Graham, Mrs S. Hart, I.G.F. Jenkins and G.F. Stevens.

**C18/22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were made by Councillors in the Minutes as indicated below:

Lord Ampthill Agenda Item 10 - Personal interest in so far as he is a Director of Sea Change Sussex.

Mrs Prochak Agenda Item 7 - CB18/06 - Personal interest in so far as her husband is Chairman of the Parish Council Steering Group.

**C18/23. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman announced that during his first two months in office he had had a very interesting and varied time, as follows:

- 1) His first official visit had been to the Bexhill Horse Show which had been blessed with lovely weather. He had a very entertaining time at the show which was started at the beginning of the last century;
- 2) He had attended the High Sherriff's Garden Party at Ashburnham Place and later that week he met with the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, Peter Field, at Brighton Town Hall;
- 3) He had attended the cycling event on the De La Warr lawns. Cycling was really growing in popularity and it was good to see so many enjoying this healthy pastime;
- 4) He had attended the active Rother event on the De La Warr lawns on Sunday which showcased many ways of keeping fit, healthy and active;
- 5) He had attended Battle Abbey School Speech Day and Prize Giving. The highlight of the Church service was some very talented and beautifully performed singing by some members of the school choir followed by an excellent tea back on the Abbey lawns. The eventuality the school had not accounted for was England being in the quarter finals of the world cup. Much to the chagrin of many students and adults alike. However, the School did not disappoint anyone and erected two large screens for anyone who wanted to watch. Well done Battle Abbey School and very well done England!
- 6) The Chairman's Civic Service would be held at St. Mary's Church, Udimore on Sunday 16 September at 11.15am and afterwards at the New Church Hall, opposite. Udimore was a small village with an electorate of less than 300. The Church sat on the ridge between the Brede and Tillingham Valleys and was nestled in pear and apple orchards and he felt it fitting to give recognition to one of the districts' smallest communities. The Chairman looked forward to welcoming as many Councillors and their families as possible;

The Chairman also announced that:

- 7) in accordance with paragraph 3.2(a) of the Council Procedure Rules, he had used his discretion in favour of varying the order of business so that Agenda Item 10 was taken after his communications;
- 8) there was an updated Agenda Item 7, Report of the Cabinet, in Councillors' wallets.

**C18/24. NORTH EAST BEXHILL DEVELOPMENT - SEA CHANGE SUSSEX REGENERATION COMPANY**

In accordance with the Constitution, the Chairman of Council had agreed to the Council receiving a presentation from the Sea Change Sussex Regeneration Company and the North East Bexhill Development.

The Chairman of the Council welcomed John Williams and Chris Broome to the meeting who proceeded to present to Members an update on the development of the North Bexhill Access Road and the commercial development taking shape as part of the new Bexhill Enterprise Park.

It was moved, seconded and agreed that Council Procedure Rules 3.2 (a) (varying the order of business), 14.4 (content and length of speeches) and 14.5 (when a member may speak again) be waived for the duration of this item.

Following a number of questions from Members, the Chairman thanked John Williams and Chris Broome for their attendance and interesting and informative presentation.

C18/25. **REPORT OF THE CABINET ON MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION BY COUNCIL**

1. It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 July as set out in the Agenda be approved and adopted.
2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the report, the following Minute was reserved for discussion:

Cabinet 2 July 2018      CB18/06

3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Chairman proceeded to deal with the reserved minute.

C18/26. **RESERVED MATTER**

**Cabinet – 2 July 2018**

**SALEHURST AND ROBERTSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2028**

**RESOLVED:** That CB18/06 be approved and adopted.

C18/27. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET AS MATTERS OF URGENCY**

It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that it be noted that no urgent decisions had been taken by Cabinet at its meetings held on 2 June and 4 July 2018.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

C18/28. **REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

1. It was moved by Councillor Curtis, Chairman of the Audit and Standards Committee, and seconded that the reports of the Audit

and Standards Committee held on 25 June be received.

2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the reports, the following Minute was reserved for discussion:

Audit and Standards     25 June     AS18/08

3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council received the following reports, with the exception of the minute reserved for discussion:

- Code of Conduct Complaints Monitoring (AS18/04)
- Ombudsman Complaints Monitoring (AS18/05)
- Update on Ombudsman Complaint – 16 011 157 (AS18/06)
- Planning Audit Fee For 2018/19 (AS18/07)
- Treasury Management Report – 2017/18 Outturn (AS18/09)
- Work Programme (AS18/10)

C18/29.     **RESERVED MATTER**

**Audit and Standards Committee – 25 June 2018**

**AS18/08 – INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2018**

**RESOLVED:** That Minute AS18/08 be received.

C18/30.     **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE APPOINTMENT  
OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ROTHER DISTRICT CITIZEN'S  
ADVICE BUREAU**

Further to the appointments made to outside bodies at the Annual Council meeting held on 21 May 2018 (Minute C18/16 refers) a substantive appointment was required for the Rother District Citizen's Advice Bureau.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Mrs S. Hart be approved as the Council's substantive representative on the Rother District Citizen's Advice Bureau for a term of one year and thereafter every four years from 2019 and attendance be designated as an approved duty.

**CHAIRMAN**

The Council rose at 7:25pm

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