

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council Meeting held on 6th June 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Hale, Lewendon, Perkins, Shering, & (G) Wilson

In attendance:

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

HCC Cllr Heron

NFDC Cllr A Sevier

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Fulford, Paton, Price & (A) Wilson and NFDC Cllr Bellows

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from:

Cllrs Adams – agenda item 8, payment of accounts.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2012 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr (G) Wilson and seconded by Cllr Perkins that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2012 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

Matters arising:

Ford Ward – Cllr Lewendon advised that Ford Ward will close for the last two weeks of August and the first two weeks of September to carry out building alterations.

4. To receive a report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder

PCSO Jim Hordle reported.

There were 88 recorded incidents in the last month, 100 in the same period last year.

- Arson x 1- Allenbrooke Nursing Home
- ASB Rowdy x 13 – majority relating to Riverside Place and Church Street
- Assaults x 6 – 1 dog bite, 1 pub related and 3 between youths.
- BOTD x 2 – sheds
- Crim Damage x 12 – 2 at Avonway, many in Alexander Rd and Whitsbury Rd of car wing mirrors being kicked off.
- Drugs x 1
- Thefts x 6 – 1 at jubilee picnic (handbag) and 3 at Co-Op
- TFMV x1

A warrant was carried out last Friday evening by all of Fordingbridge Safer Neighbourhood team at Church Street. 2 addresses and 1 car were searched, all positive searches with drugs found. 3 arrests took place for Class A, possession and possession with intent to supply. All 3 are currently on bail.

Party in the Park – A very good turn out with no problems on the night. 1 handbag reported stolen the next day.

Sandy Balls – on Monday afternoon approx. 10 tents and caravans were broken into with items stolen: phones, ipods, clothes and money.

The Mayor thanked PCSO Hordle for his report.

PCSO Hordle left the meeting.

5. To receive a report from the Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor made no report.

6. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron reported that HCC Health & Scrutiny Committee support the closing of Ford ward for the renovations and are pleased at the level of investment being placed at the hospital. It has made them cautiously optimistic for the future of X-ray services to remain.

A new fingerpost is about to be placed at Roundhills indicating the VIC & Museum

Avonway Community Centre has been successful in securing £8.5k annual funding from HCC towards youth services.

HCC Capital funding could be available for providing a dedicated space or building for youth activities.

Cllr Connolly asked why in the NFDC draft guidance notes for Developers contributions had £24k been allocated for the provision of a single screen journey planning kiosk to be positioned in the High Street for which there had been no consultation or negotiation and would be of no use to the Town? Cllr Heron explained that it was part of a 'wish list' allocating developers contributions in order to secure the money.

7. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier had nothing to report.

8. To receive details of Monies collected and payment of accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr Connolly that the details of monies collected be accepted. All in favour. Carried.

9. To receive the following Committee minutes:

Planning Committee minutes held on 9th and 23rd May 2012. - It was RESOLVED that these minutes be received.

Amenities Committee held on 16th May 2012 – It was RESOLVED that these minutes be received.

General Purposes Committee held on 16th May 2012 – It was RESOLVED that these minutes be received.

Finance & Policy Committee held on 30th May 2012 - It was RESOLVED that these minutes be received.

10. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey confirmed that he had visited the Play areas following the ROSPA report and would be liaising with the Town Clerk.

The Whippets Racers had arrived to camp on the Recreation Ground during their annual race meeting. They had been advised not to pitch their caravans and tents close to the river as the bank might be unstable. This also allows for dog walkers and the public to use the Riverside Walk.

Public Session

No public in attendance.

11. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended

Cllr Lewendon – reported that the new bus timetable has begun and a new service is in place from Fordingbridge to Bournemouth at 8.35 am.

Cllr Hale - attended a Victoria Rooms Trustee meeting on 9th May. The total years income was £13,900 and expenditure was £16,200. Savings covered the shortfall. Money had been spent on heating, insurance and repair to the stair lift.

FVCG meeting on 29th May had concerns about membership and were trying to recruit more members. They will have a stand at the Fordingbridge Festival and Frogham Fair to raise awareness. There is now water in Bishops Pond and the Community Payback Team will be clearing the ground on Whitsbury Road.

Cllr Shering – attended a meeting of the Friends of Fordingbridge Hospital. The group have £70k held on account. Concern was expressed about the commissioning of GP practices. Funding has been agreed towards the palliative care suite and work will begin later in the year.

Cllr (G) Wilson – attended the Patient Care Group meeting. The new system of making appointments initiated by the Fordingbridge Practice has been going well. They are planning an Open Evening in September. The new Physiotherapy area is not as large as that in the old building.

Cllr Connolly – reported that he had attended a HALC training session in Winchester and the Lengthsmans scheme was discussed.

12. To note any items of correspondence

Fordingbridge Rotary Club advised that Mrs Sue Bennett was Citizen of the Year 2012 in recognition for her work with the Hyde Training Band.

13. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business

Portrait of the Queen – the Mayor advised a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II had been purchased to hang in the Council Chamber.

Diamond Jubilee - A letter of congratulations on behalf of the residents of Fordingbridge and the Town Council has been sent to Buckingham Palace.

Vimoutiers – an invitation from Vimoutiers Town Council has been received to attend the apple festival on 19 – 21st September 2012.

14. To note the date of next General Council Meeting as Wednesday 4th July 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm