

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 8.14pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 in the Town Hall**

**(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)**

#### **Present:**

Cllr Anstey - Chairman  
Cllrs Price, Lewendon, Paton and Perkins

#### **In Attendance:**

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk  
Cllr Adams

#### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Connolly

#### **2. To receive any declarations of interest**

No declarations made.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and report on any matters arising**

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. To receive any matters raised by members of the public**

No matters raised

#### **5. To Report on Matters relating to the Recreation Ground**

- Repair/Refurbishment of Play equipment – the clerk advised that quotes had been sought for the works identified on the ROSPA reports however only one quote had so far been received.
- Paddling Pool – The Clerk reported that following a problem with the drainage bung becoming stuck in the drainage pipe, a quote had been received in the sum of £875.00 for remedial works including excavate to remove the bung and provision of a new valve to provide for more efficient means of draining the pool. Members requested that the Clerk seek 2 further quotes.
- Consider provision of new signage – The Chair reported that the Finance Officer was preparing a list of new signage to be provided at the Recreation Ground to consolidate the many old signs currently in place – once the list is complete quotes will be requested & reported to Amenities Committee.  
The Chair then reported on correspondence received raising concern about canoes/boats that are launched from the Recreation Ground and the dangers once downstream at Bickton where sluices and a weir are located, the issue of river users exiting onto private land was also raised. Members acknowledged the concern and discussed whether the Council should provide

signage at the jetty in the Recreation Ground raising user's awareness. However, it was agreed that it is not the Council's responsibility to provide signage to this effect and river users should make themselves aware of any issues concerning the waterway which they are to use.

- Car Park & Access Road Surface – The Clerk reported that although works had been undertaken, further works are required to address the direction of drainage (levels need to drain away from Rugby pitch and training area.)
- New Gate & Fencing – Gate repositioned and fencing works partially complete, contractor to provide ramp from road. Issue with restricted access to the Whippet store needs to be resolved.
- Facilities & Pitch Maintenance – The Chairman reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> verti-drainage works had been completed on all pitches and the rugby club had undertaken the provision of 40 tonnes of top dressing to the training area. The Rugby Club had also purchased a new fertilizer spreader and had used this on the Brownsey pitch.

#### **6. To report on any matters concerning Open Spaces**

Nothing to report.

#### **7. To report on any Tree Works**

The Clerk reported that damage had been sustained to the shed in the Children's Play Area (Recreation Ground) caused by falling branches.

#### **8. To note any items of Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

#### **9. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other business**

Clerk nothing further to report.

The Chair reported on a proposal received from the Sports Club for the conversion of the old toilet block into storage to be used by the Rugby and Football Clubs. Members had already agreed to offer the Sports Club the building, however before any formal lease could be entered into, clarification was required on usage by the 2 clubs.

#### **10. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (budgets)**

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm