

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 8.40pm on Wednesday 18th May 2016 in the Town Hall

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

Present:

Cllr Perkins – Vice Chairman
Cllrs Connolly, Price, Lewendon, Paton and Fulford

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs M Coatham – Finance officer
Cllrs Hale and Adams

1. To elect a Chairman

Cllr Lewendon proposed and Cllr Price seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Anstey be elected as Chairman of the Amenities Committee. All voted in favour.

2. To elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr Connolly proposed and Cllr Lewendon seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Perkins be elected as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee. All voted in favour.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Anstey

4. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations made.

5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2016 and report on any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2015 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

There were no matters arising.

6. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

Cllr Adams advised that historically there had been money available to employ a gardener to assist in the upkeep of the Memorial Gardens during the planting/growing season so should consideration be given to this. The Finance Officer confirmed that money was available.

7. To Report on Matters relating to the Recreation Ground

- Picnic in the Park – Queens Birthday 12th June 2016 – The Clerk confirmed that the confirmation of road closure had been received, the marquee and

toilets had been ordered and enquiries had been received for siting of gazebos and stalls.

- Party in the Park – 2nd July 2016 – Fire Station Charity Event. Arrangements were well underway.
- Memorial Gardens – Landscaping/Planting – The new bed had been planted in white and purple. New rose bushes and trees had been purchased and had now been planted. Cllr Connolly advised that the Royal British Legion were intending to write a letter of complaint concerning the fact that the Memorial Gardens in their current state do not reflect what they stand for. Members also felt that extra labour should not be employed and that the groundsman should carry out any work required.
- Ashes Scattering – A request had been received to scatter ashes in the Recreation Ground on the same day as the Fire Station Charity Event. Clerk to advise person requesting as to a suitable area.
- Facilities & Pitch Maintenance – A quotation had been received from Ringwood Town Council to carry out verti-draining to the pitches and goal mouth repairs for the sum of £1355.00 + VAT. The Clerk advised that the Turks Football Club had offered a contribution towards pitch maintenance but had also advised that 100 games would be played next season – Members agreed that a meeting was required with both the Football & Rugby Clubs to discuss club requirements & future provision at the Rec.
- Rugby Club Fun Day – 27th August 2016 – A request had been made to use the skatepark for masterclasses to be held by a professional company, Rubicon as part of the fundraising day. The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received of appropriate public liability insurance and risk assessment. Members AGREED that this could go ahead and that the Clerk & Finance Officer to confirm what charge will be made.
- Fence and Gate Update – The Clerk confirmed that the planning application had been submitted but NFDC required further details which the Clerk would submit. The Finance Officer added that works could commence as soon as possible.
- Future pitch and changing room use – The Finance Officer advised that despite requests for increased use of pitches by the football club, no development plan had been received from them. The pitches cannot sustain increased usage. Cllr Fulford advised that the club was negotiating for use of the pitches at Burgate School. The Pavilion update was unlikely to go ahead due to a funding gap.
- The Finance Officer advised that the Council had been offered a service contract for the Wallgate Units in the toilets at the Recreation Ground at a charge of £163.00 per unit per annum. Members felt that this was excessive. Clerk to enquire with NFDC as to whether they have a regular service contract in place for their units and whether they have experienced any particular problems with the units and whether the level of breakdowns warrants the annual service charge.

8. To report on any matters concerning Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

9. To report on any Tree Works

Nothing to report.

10. To note any items of Correspondence

The Clerk advised that a complaint had been received at the Information Office from a visitor who had been verbally abused by a resident of Riverside Place when visiting the Augustus John Statue – Clerk to contact New Forest District Council.

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

Nothing to report

12. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 20th July 2016

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm