

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in the Town Hall** (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

**Present:** Cllr Anstey – Chairman  
Cllrs Paton, Price, Lewendon, Fulford, Perkins & Connolly

**In Attendance:** Mrs H Richards - Town Clerk

Cllrs Earth, Wilson, Adams & Hale – Public Gallery

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

No apologies received

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

No declarations of interest received.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be signed as a true record.

#### Matters Arising

Minute No. 3 - Park Fishing Proposal now withdrawn  
Minute No. 5 – Provision of Dugouts – Agenda Item 5

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

No Members of the Public present

#### **5. To report on matters relating to the Recreation Ground**

Dugouts – Members considered the further information received from the Turks FC regarding their request for provision of permanent Dugouts at the Recreation Ground – this included photographs of similar dugouts, details of design and size together with assurance that there would be no cost to the Council. The Council had also received advice from the Hampshire Football Association regarding criteria for progression of clubs into the Hampshire League.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and therefore **RESOLVED:** that permanent dugouts should not be provided at the Recreation Ground as this would conflict with the open nature of the grounds – any dugouts provided should be of a temporary and moveable design.

All in favour

Rabbit Problem – The Chairman confirmed that a letter had been sent to the owner of Brownsey's Field advising of the Council's intention to employ a qualified and insured person to deal with the rabbits on the Rugby Pitch. Concern was raised that rabbits were present on neighbouring land which the Council could not control, this is despite rabbit proof fencing being provided.

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

Whitsbury Road Play Area – the Clerk reported that following concerns raised over the matting being damaged after flooding, that this would be prioritised for replacement or consideration given to the re-siting of the play park onto higher ground. Members raised concern that the problem arises due to the narrow channel of the adjacent river as weed growth is no longer controlled.

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

The Chairman reported on two quotes received from Gristwood & Toms and Avon Tree Care in the sum of £1237.00 and £1190.00 respectively.

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the quote from Avon Tree Care in the sum of **£1190.00** be accepted for the tree work identified in the Annual Survey. All in favour.

**8. To note any items of correspondence**

No items of correspondence to report

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

The Clerk reported that following a meeting with the Assistant Clerk & Finance Officer, a list of works/projects has been drawn up. This covers both Amenities and General Purposes and once prioritised, will be circulated to Members.

Cllr Lewendon raised concern over the operation of the skatepark lights during the evening when no users are present – Clerk to investigate timer/request switch.

**10. To note the date of the next meeting as 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm