

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 8.20pm on Wednesday 20th July 2016 in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

Present:

Cllr Earth – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Wilson, Hale and Bailey

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards – Town Clerk
Ruth Croker – Footpaths Officer
Cllr Anstey – seated in the public gallery

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Connolly

2. To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Adams declared an interest in Agenda item 6 as a Member of the Fordingbridge Entertainment Society.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2016

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2016 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Minute No 8 – Replacement Tables The clerk confirmed that 4 replacement tables had been purchased and advised Members that 2 further tables, which are a different size, should ideally be replaced.

Minute No. 10 – Memorial Bungalow Members sought clarification over the works to be carried out to the Memorial Bungalow and agreed that the replacement of windows should be carried out in the next financial year with the rest of the works itemised on the quotes being undertaken this year.

Minute No. 12 – Cigarette Bin – Clerk to follow this up and write to Manager at Tesco

Minute No. 13 – Allotments

- Table Top Sale cancelled
- Most of the plots are now being worked, Assistant Clerk has written to tenants
- 1st round of judging has taken place

Minute No. 14 – Patrol – Advised to write to Cllr E Heron, HCC

Graffiti – Cllr Wilson reported that she had undertaken some cleaning works to remove graffiti and that the cleaning product used had been very successful.

Riverside Place - Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to New Forest DC however the question of ownership of the land remains.

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

No members of the public present

5. To report on matters concerning St Mary's Closed Churchyard and Stuckton Road Cemetery

Nothing to report.

6. To report on any matters relating to the Town Hall

Projector Sight Hole – following a request from the Fordingbridge Entertainment Society to create a sight hole to enable projectionist to view the screen from the projector room, Members agreed that the works should go ahead.

Hampshire Fire Protection Report – Following a recommendation on the report to replace the smoke detectors which are over 10 years old, Members agreed that quotes should be obtained and reported to the Committee in September.

7. To report on any matters relating to the Information Office

Nothing to report.

8. To report on any matters concerning Footpaths

The Footpath Officer Ruth Croker reported on the following items

- Finger Post at the Normandy Way end of Marl Lane had been replaced
- Rose Farm Style – works completed (style is located in Hyde Parish) suggested that Hyde/Fordingbridge request that the lengthsman clear vegetation along the path.
- No further progress with the path near the Cemetery
- Path on boundary with Alderholt – flooding issues no resolution

A vacancy on the Countryside Access Team needs to be filled and it is hoped that issues may then be looked at.

Cllr Bailey left the meeting

- Harbridge/Ibsley Bridge repair/replacement would be funded by Hampshire CC with works to be carried out in the Autumn.
- Falconwood Path – Clerk to investigate availability of grants for enhancement

9. To report on any matters concerning Highway

A Romany Gypsy family were at the time of the meeting camped on the highway verge adjacent to the A338 at Burgate.

10. To report on any matters concerning Allotments

The chairman reported that the first round of judging of the allotments had been undertaken.

The Clerk informed members of a request for a covered Noticeboard to be provided at the allotments in order to advertise such events as the Table Top sale. Members agreed that the cost would be too high for the Council to fund but they would have no objection to the Allotment Committee providing a noticeboard themselves.

11. To note any items of correspondence

A letter has been received from the Countryside Access Team regarding overgrown hedges in the Victoria Gardens/Victoria Road area with a request that the letters are distributed to local households – Cllr Wilson agreed to distribute letters.

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

Nothing to report

13. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21st September 2016

The meeting closed at 9.12pm