

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr Connolly - Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Price, Lewendon, Fulford, Anstey, Hale, Earth, Perkins & Paton

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Cllr A Sevier, New Forest DC

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilson & Bailey

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2016 and report any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd August 2016 be signed as a true record.

Cllr Paton entered the meeting

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. To receive any matters raised by Members Of the Public

No members of the public present.

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

A written report had been submitted by PC Morant which was read out by the Clerk.

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| Anti-social Behaviour | 1 |
| Violence against the Person Injury | 7 |
| Dwelling Burglary | 0 |
| Burglary other than Dwelling | 3 |
| Damage | 6 |
| Theft | 3 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 2 |
| Suspicious Incidents | 12 |

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported that he had attended the opening evening of the Fordingbridge Art Club Exhibition and also the latest Every Man Remembered Services.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

No report

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier reported that following the commencement of the Local Plan Review consultation in July, she had received only 1 email concerning this. Following an approach from the Footpath Officer regarding the replacement of a sign relating to the Avon Valley Path, Cllr Sevier confirmed

that if the Council applied for a Countryside Access Small Grant, that she would match fund a quarter of the cost – Town Clerk to apply for grant subject to approval by General Purposes Committee.

Cllr Fulford queried if Cllr Sevier was aware of the neighbourhood planning paper which was due to be released – Cllr Sevier confirmed that she was aware but had no further details. Cllr Fulford advised that Neighbourhood Plans should run alongside Local Plans and not in competition with. Conflicts that arise between the 2 plans are not in accordance with Localism.

Cllr Perkins made comments regarding the weeds in pavements and whether responsibility for clearance lies with New Forest DC. The Clerk confirmed that correspondence had also been received regarding this issue.

Cllr Sevier left the meeting.

9. To receive the following Committee meeting Minutes and any recommendations to General Council contained therein:

- Planning Committee – 17th August 2016 – Received by Cllr Fulford's
- Finance & Policy Committee – 31st August – Received by Cllr Connolly

10. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey reported that the unsecured shelf units had been removed from the Groundsman's workshop. The quote to complete works to the new disabled access gate had been received but was unacceptable – Clerk to contact contractor.

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

Cllr Earth on activities due for the Twinning Association with a few members travelling to Vimoutiers for the 15th/16th October for the annual Apple Fayre (unfortunately attendance would be lower than previous years). Preparations are underway for the 35th Anniversary next year with events planned over the weekend of 26th to 28th May 2017.

Cllr Hale reported attendance at a meeting of the Fordingbridge Trust for Conservation Volunteers And that the Trust intended to advertise for a volunteer Project Manager for Bishops Pond. The Groups AGM would be held on the 13th September at the URC.

Cllr Anstey reported that the Rugby Club had applied fertilizer to the grounds at Brownsey's Land (bought by the Rugby Club) however the grass had not been cut in accordance with the report from Keith Kent. 40 Tonne of Sand was due to be placed on the Rugby Training Area following the verti- drainage works.

Following the erection of the dividing fence between the rear of the workshop and Memorial Gardens, the Whippet Racing Club were unable to access their storage unit properly – Clerk to investigate moving container.

Cllr Adams visited final day of Playscheme and presented flowers to the Playscheme Manager.

12 - To receive any items of correspondence

The Clerk reported on 2 items of correspondence received regarding the road conditions in the Town and also the untidy condition of the area around Tanyard Bridge, West Street. Cllr Lewendon raised concern over the condition of the road at Burnham Road. Town Clerk to chase with Hampshire CC.

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

The Chairman requested that Members meet prior to the Planning Committee meeting on 14th September to prepare a draft response to the Local Plan Review Consultation. Several

representations have been passed to the Council since the Public meeting on the 24th August and the response to be submitted by Sandleheath PC would be forwarded. Members agreed to meet on at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th September.

The Clerk reported that the Tender for the Christmas Lights was being prepared.

Members also discussed a provisional date for the Christmas Meal (Thursday 15th December). Cllr Perkins queried the bus route diversion during the proposed road works in Salisbury Street due to commence on 19th September.

Cllr Earth advised that there was again an increase in dog fouling around the routes leading to the schools – Town Clerk to report to NFDC.

14. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 5th October 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm