

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th July 2017 in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr Anstey - chairman
Cllrs Paton, Perkins, Price, Lewendon and Fulford

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs M Coatham – Finance Officer (RFO)
Mrs R Edwards, Admin Assistant
Cllrs Adams, Earth & Wilson

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence 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 17th May 2017 and report on any matters arising

Cllr Price proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising.

Minute No. 7

- Turks, Pavilion Refurbishment Works – start date awaited

Minute No. 10

- Dead tree removed outside Kiosk

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

No matters raised.

Cllr Paton entered the meeting

5. To Report on Matters relating to the Recreation Ground

- Play Equipment – The RFO reported that the net had been removed from the Tug Boat and a replacement had been ordered. Similarly several springs and fittings had been removed (broken) from the trampolines and new parts ordered (this item did not appear as an issue on the recent ROSPA reports). Graffiti scratched onto the tugboat – quote of £350 received for replacement panel. Try to cover with fine surface filler. Clerk to organise.
- CIL/S106 Funding – The RFO explained that some of the S106 funding would need to be refunded to the developer if not spent by February 2018. PCSO May had been working with users and a supplier (Gravity) to investigate replacement. RFO had obtained quotes for replacement (indicative prices

only) concrete replacement £170,000 plus removal of old; replacement with similar metal ramps and tarmac surface £98,000 + £13,000 for tarmac plus additional cost for removal of old.

Members agreed that existing users should be consulted for feedback on different types and it would be necessary to advertise the tender on Contract Finder.

Members then discussed whether the developers contributions should be put towards provision of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) however the current cost of this is unknown.

The ROSPA reports had noted continuing corrosion of the ramps and advised to plan for replacement.

Following further discussion, Cllr Fulford proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: to recommend to the Finance & Policy Committee on the 26th July 2017 that a project should be progressed without delay for the replacement of the skatepark partially funded by the developer contributions held. There should be full consultation with users to determine suitability of the various types of park and equipment and to engage users & other stakeholders in fundraising for the replacement.

All in favour

- Kiosk Toilets Drainage – Response from Architect/Builder still awaited Cllr Paton raised concern over the lack of cleanliness of the toilets – the clerk agreed to discuss frequency of cleaning with groundsman

Cllr Hale joined the meeting and sat in the public gallery

- Pavilion – Date to be agreed with Turks FC for works to be carried out
- Storage – Following a meeting with the Turks FC at which time storage requirements were discussed, the Club are investigating the provision of a ½ container – Planning Permission will be required
- Memorial Gardens – the Clerk advised that preparations should begin for the gardens & the event(s) to be held to mark the end of the 1st World War in 2018.

Cllr Wilson raised concern from the public gallery that the hedges surrounding the memorial garden and recreation ground are full of weed and need attention.

Cllr Fulford also raised concern over the weeds along the River Bank. Clerk to visit and speak with groundsman.

- Pitch Maintenance – Feed & Weed needed.

6. To report on any matters concerning Open Spaces

- ROSPA Reports – the Clerk advised that the written reports had been received and actions would be itemised and assessed. Chairman and Clerk to progress.
- Flaxfields End – the clerk advised that following a call for brownfield/additional sites within the parish as part of the Local Plan review, the Mayor, Chairman of Planning and herself had put forward a suggestion of a land swap at Flaxfields End (swap play area with development site, which had recently

been the site proposed in 2 planning applications, both refused and dismissed at appeal). The ownership of the land is still in question and a response is awaited from the District Council clarifying this. Since the Local Plan submission a further planning application has been submitted for the site in the centre of Flaxfields End. At this stage no formal discussion/decision has been taken by the Council regarding this suggestion. Clerk to contact NFDC.

- Bishops Pond S106 Spending – Need to decide how allocated funding is to be spent. Speaking from the public gallery, Cllr Hale advised that it was the intention of the Conservation Group to dig out the pond and provide access via a walkway. Clerk to write to Graham Long (FCVAG) to obtain proposals and costings.

7. To report on any Tree Works

All Tree works from the Annual Survey have now been completed.

8. To note any items of Correspondence

The Clerk reported on a request received from John Lawson's Circus to include Fordingbridge in their 2018 summer tour. Members agreed that the Circus could visit (Recreation Ground) but should be mindful of the Turks FC events planned in May and the annual Summer Festival.

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

The Clerk reported that complaints had recently been received and problems had arisen at the Recreation Ground with visiting travellers. Large groups had visited the Recreation Ground Play Area and issues had arisen of bad language, threatening behaviour towards other users, defecating in the play area, bringing dogs in crates onto the site, having barbeques and drinking in the picnic & play area and leaving large quantities of rubbish behind. Incidents have also been reported within the town centre and this has been reported to the police. Clerk to follow up with police regarding anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Fulford raised a query regarding Planters that have been placed in Church Street on designated parking areas (previously 2 planters were in situ, a third has recently been added). Clerk to investigate ownership/rights.

Concern was also raised regarding drunks congregating at the entrance to the car park at Roundhills – Clerk to report to police.

10. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 20th September 2017

The meeting closed at 8.42pm