

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 8.50pm on Wednesday 19th July 2017 in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

Present:

Cllr Earth – Chairman
Cllrs Anstey, Adams, Wilson & Hale

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs M Coatham, Finance Officer (RFO)
Mrs R Edwards, Admin Assistant

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Connolly & Ruth Croker, Footpaths Officer

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2017 and report on any matters arising

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

Matters Arising

Minute No. 9a - Information Office – Lock had been fixed
Minute No. 8b - AVP Map-board, consider approaching designer – go back to HCC printers for images
Minute No. 10 - Allotments – Re-visit due to check for unworked plots
Check with groundsman regarding progress with provision of noticeboard

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

- Clock Tower & Roof – Awaiting visit by principal designer (to meet with Members) Clerk to send report from Sheerin Bettle to Members of General Purposes Committee.
- Pest Control – the Clerk reported that the Rentokil report had been forwarded by the Environmental Health Officer which gave details of preventative measures

and recommendations for the Town Hall – Cllr Wilson undertook to assess the various methods suggested for bird control.

- Wi-Fi – Clerk to contact Pro-Live to discuss provision/need for public access

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

The Clerk reported that a new Member of staff had been appointed at the Information Office.

8. To report on any matter relating to Footpaths

Following information received from a local trader, members discussed the benefits of providing History Trails through the Town, this would be particularly beneficial if co-ordinated with the arrival of the Red Bus tours in the Town. Clerk to investigate if Historical Society could help with provision.

9. To report on any matters concerning Highways

Concern was raised over the condition of the bus shelter in Salisbury Street and in particular the lack of a seat. Ownership was discussed, land owned by the Post Office and the shelter by the Council (provided by the Council).

The RFO reported that the shelter located on the A338 which is overgrown, is owned by Hyde Parish Council but is located in Fordingbridge – this is shortly to be removed.

10. To report on any matters concerning the Allotments

- Table Top Sale – To be held on 8th September – this year tables to be let for sale of various goods (not only garden produce)
- Allotment Competition – Judging to be undertaken by PE & AW. This year gardening vouchers to be given as a prize instead of a cup

11. To receive any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence received

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

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

The meeting closed at 9.30pm