

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at
7.30pm in the Town Hall**

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

Present: Cllr Hale – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Fulford, Lewendon, Moulard, Paton and Perkins

In Attendance: Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
A Representative from The Salisbury Journal
3 Members of the Public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Anstey, Earth, White and Wilson. Also from NFDC Cllr Matcham.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 and to report on any matters arising.

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Moulard and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st August 2018 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

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

Residents raised their concerns about the illegal parking at Provost Street. The visibility coming out of Highbank Gardens is very poor due to parked cars being in the way and they are concerned that someone will be hit by a car. There are some double yellow lines but they want more and they want them enforced.

Members agreed that drivers are now aware that they can get away with illegal parking as there are very few enforcement officers in the area. The town has a problem with cars causing obstructions and parking on the pavements throughout.

Action: *Asst Clerk to email NFDC, HCC, Jamie Burrows and Cllr Edward Heron about parking at Provost Street.*

The three members of the public left the meeting.

5. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Asst Clerk read a report from the Town Mayor in his absence.

A notable incident that warrants a mention at General Council is the defibrillator issue.

Notwithstanding the situation in which the defibrillator went missing, the initiative of Cllr Pete White and the tremendous support and response from the community, about sums up everything good about Fordingbridge and its people.

I and my Council wish to thank everyone involved.

The Finance and Policy committee has voted in the additional money to ensure that two additional defibrillators could be purchased.

Cllr Hale reported that he opened the Fordingbridge Art Club Exhibition on 17th August in Cllr Anstey's absence.

6. To receive a report from the County Councillor

No report received.

7. To receive a report from the District Councillors

No report received.

8. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:

- Planning Committee – 8th August 2018 – received Cllr Fulford
- Staff and Remuneration Committee – 15th August 2018 – received Cllr Hale
- Finance & Policy Committee – 29th August 2018 – received Cllr Adams

9. To consider a report of the Chairman regarding Fordingbridge Festival 2019

The Asst Clerk read a report from the Town Mayor in his absence.

Following on from the opportunity to speak to full council at F&P last week, I've gauged the Council views on the use of Rec for Summer festival 2019. I will report back to Council after my meeting with Events committee on the 13th September 2018.

10. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr Fulford – Attended the Masterclass Planning session today with the Clerk and Cllr Connolly, which looked at the Local Plan and its implications for Fordingbridge.

Cllr Hale – attended the Conservation Group meeting on 21st August. The Conservation Group's AGM will be on 11th September at the URC at 7.30pm.

12. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence.

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

Nothing further to report.

14. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 3rd October 2018

The meeting closed at 8.17pm