

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at  
7.30pm in the Town Hall**

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

**Present:** Cllr Anstey – Chairman  
Cllrs Adams, Hale, Lewendon, Mouland, Perkins, White and Wilson

**In Attendance:** Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk  
Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk  
Cllr E Heron, HCC  
Cllr A Sevier, NFDC  
Cllr R Matcham, NFDC  
A representative from the Salisbury Journal

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Earth and Paton.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 and to report on any matters arising.**

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Mouland and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 are signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 11 - The Town Hall project is on this evening's agenda – item 10.

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

No matters raised.

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

No report received.

Cllr Lewendon reported that there had been thefts of catalytic convertors from cars in Fordingbridge. Cllr Perkins reported an attempted theft of a car battery from his drive.

**6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed the new Town Clerk, Paul Goddard, to the Council. Mayor Anstey also reported that the work done by the Buildings Manager is proving invaluable.

**7. To receive a report from the County Councillor**

Cllr Heron reported on the upcoming resurfacing works on Bridge Street, due to start on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The blockwork on the bridge will be taken up. The bridge is an ancient monument and consent is required to replace the blockwork with tarmac.

Cllr Lewendon asked what provision would be made for the residents of Bridge Street who would no longer be able to park at their properties – would free parking be made available elsewhere? Cllr Heron will investigate.

Cllr Heron reported that the County Budget increase is likely be the maximum allowed 2.99%.

Cllr Perkins reported that when the grass verges along the A338 were cut, all the rubbish was exposed and looked unsightly. Cllr Heron replied that HCC operatives are picking up the rubbish and normally try to do this before the grass is cut.

Cllr Wilson reported that pedestrians were dazzled by cars using full beam headlights in the town. She asked whether the street lighting levels could be increased. Cllr Heron replied that the lighting levels were reduced in order to save costs.

#### **8. To receive a report from the District Councillors**

Cllr Sevier reported on the Housing Policy and Homeless strategy consultation. There is a 12 year waiting list for Council Housing and priority is given to the neediest. There is a new proposed Homeless and Rough Sleeping strategy. Cllr Perkins asked whether local people have priority when local housing is allocated. Cllr Sevier replied that it is based on need and also where people want to go, for example near to their place of work or their children's schools.

Cllr Wilson asked Cllr Sevier to look at the pavements on Whitsbury Road, from Park Road to Alexander Road, as there are several potholes. Cllr Lewendon reported that the road level is higher than the footpath from Fordingbridge to Tinkers Cross.

Cllr Matcham reported that cabinet has approved funding of £25,000 towards the Fordingbridge Skate Park project.

Cllr Matcham reported that the final plans for the Fordingbridge Car Park redevelopment are available on the NFDC website. The project is now out to tender.

#### **9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:**

Planning Committee – 9th January 2019 - received Cllr Hale  
Amenities Committee – 16th January 2019 - received Cllr Anstey  
General Purposes Committee – 16th January 2019 - received Cllr Wilson  
Staff and Remuneration Committee – 23rd January 2019 - received Cllr Hale  
Finance & Policy Committee – 30th January 2019 - received Cllr Adams

#### **10. To receive an update on the Town Hall project**

Due to the confidential nature of this item, it was moved to closed session.

#### **11. To agree the WW1 Memorial Stone**

Cllr Adams presented Members with a model of the proposed memorial stone. The stone would be made of Purbeck Stone with a plaque on the top. He reported that there was a three month delay on the stone so it could be ordered and then the wording confirmed within that time.

Cllr Adams proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Moulard and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the memorial stone should be ordered and the words confirmed at a later date. All in favour.

#### **12. To consider new Planning Application**

This item was postponed to be discussed at the next Planning Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Confirmation has been received from NFDC of an extension of time for the submission of comments.

<b>18/11638</b>	<b>THE GEORGE INN, 14 BRIDGE STREET, SP6 1AH</b>	<b>Mrs Roylance</b>
2 jumbrellas each with 4 no. 1 kw heaters (Retrospective) (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)		

**13. To report on any Health & Safety issues**

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr White attended the Fordingbridge Events Group AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and stood for re-election on to the committee. He reported that the AGM was well-attended.

**15. To note any items of correspondence**

A thank you letter has been received from the Burgate School winner of the Town Council Award for Community Service.

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

Nothing further to report.

**17. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The Public meeting closed at 8.14pm and went straight to closed session.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.

