

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the General Council on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

Present: Cllr Connolly – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Earth, Hale, Wilson, Lewendon, Price, Paton, Fulford & Perkins

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Cllrs Sevier & Matcham, NFDC
Katy Griffin (Forest Journal)

1. To receive any apologies for attendance

Apologies were received from Cllr White, & Cllr Heron (HCC)

2. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 and to report on any matters arising

Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2018 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 3 - Cllr Lewendon reported that the hedge on Whitsbury Road has been cut.

Minute No. 4 – The clerk reported that a response had been received from NFDC (Planning) who had advised that the matter should be referred to HCC Highways.

Action – clerk to contact HCC Highways

Minute No. 5 – Public session advertised on Facebook (date unknown).

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

Nothing raised

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

The clerk read out the following crime report for February

	February 2018
Anti-Social Behaviour	6
Violence against person	9
Dwelling Burglary	0
Other Burglary	1
Damage	1
Theft	3
Theft from Vehicles	0
Suspicious Incidents	4

Cllr Perkins entered the meeting

6. To receive a report from the Mayor

The Mayor reported on attendance at a 100th birthday party of a local resident and the opening of the new Avonway Community Centre kitchen on 4th March.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

No report.

8. To receive a report from District Councillors

Cllr Matcham reported that funds had been allocated and officers were working on the re-design of the town centre car park.

Cllr Perkins queried the lack of refuse collections during the recent snow and lack of communication. Cllr Matcham responded that social media, SMS and website notifications had been posted as soon as the decision was made to cancel services – employees usually employed on the refuse vehicles were re-deployed elsewhere to aid with the emergency works.

Cllr Sevier had nothing to report.

Cllr Matcham & Cllr Sevier left the meeting.

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

- Planning Committee – 14th February 2018 - received Cllr Fulford
- General Purposes Extra Ordinary Meeting – 28th February 2018 – received Cllr Earth
- Finance and Policy Committee – 28th February 2018 – received Cllr Connolly

10. To approve the amended Risk Register

Following the amendments agreed by the Finance & Policy Committee at their meeting on 28th February 2018, Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED**: to approve the Risk Register.

11. To report on any Health & Safety issues

The Clerk reported that the initial visit by Ellis Whittam was scheduled for 14th March 2018.

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

Cllr Hale reported that a fence had been erected on the boundary with Bishops Pond and a private residence – the Town Clerk was attempting to contact the owner to discuss the matter.

Cllr Perkins advised members that he was due to meet with the Environment Agency on 9th March to discuss the erosion of the river bank and the problems caused by the island.

Cllr Anstey

- Bishops Pond site visit attended regarding fence.
- Skate Park presentation by suppliers
- Events meeting
- HALC course

13. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence to report

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

Cllr Earth if any action had been made regarding the extractor fan at the Chinese Takeaway in Bridge Street

Action – Clerk to contact NFDC

The chairman then announced to Members that he will be not be standing as Mayor in May and that they (other members) should consider if they are willing to take on this role which he sees as the face of the council, attending many social events.

The chairman than advised members that the Clerk had completed and passed her CiLCA qualification and gave thanks for the effort required to achieve this.

15. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as **Wednesday 4th April 2018**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm