

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 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, Earth, Hale, Lewendon, Mouland, Paton, Perkins and White

In Attendance: Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk
Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
A representative from the Salisbury Journal

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wilson and Cllrs Matcham and Sevier (NFDC).

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 6th February 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 6th February 2019 are signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 7 - The resurfacing works on Bridge Street were completed on 26th February, almost two weeks ahead of schedule.

Minute No. 8 - Work has begun on the new skate park.

Minute No. 8 - The car park redevelopment is due to start on 11th March and last for 10-12 weeks.

Minute No. 11 - The memorial stone has been ordered.

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 January's report was presented to members (see appendix).

The clerk read out the following crime report for February.

	February
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Violence against person	2
Dwelling Burglary	1
Other Burglary	0
Business Burglary	4
Damage	2
Theft	3
Theft from Vehicles	1
Suspicious Incidents	4

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor attended the following events

7th February – Knighting Ceremony at Fordingbridge Infant School

17th February – RAF Ibsley Memorial service

27th February – Public consultation on Site 16 – Land to the North of Station Road

1st March – Clearance of the green bank at the allotments, organised by the allotment committee and Information Office staff. The Mayor reported how good it was to see so many Councillors helping. It was a very good and well organised event, although he was slightly disappointed by the lack of support from plot holders.

The Mayor reported that the work on the replacement skate park had started in earnest and acknowledged the RFO's work in achieving this. He expressed his gratitude for the office staff especially with their increased workload. The Mayor has assisted the office with the organisation of the fly casting assessment day, whippets event and the rugby event. He wants the Recreation Ground to be fully utilized by allowing people to run events in a safe way which attracts people to the Recreation Ground. The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk for helping with the wording on the Memorial Stone.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

No report received.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

No report received.

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

Planning Committee – 13th February 2019 - received Cllr Fulford

Finance & Policy Committee – 27th February 2019 - received Cllr Adams

10. To approve the risk register

The RFO circulated the risk register to all Members before the meeting. Members had no further comments. Cllr White proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED**: to accept the risk register. All in favour.

11. To consider an application from Fordingbridge Events Group to use the Recreation Ground for the Summer Festival 2019

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr White and therefore **RESOLVED**: to approve use of the Recreation Ground for the Summer Festival 2019. All in favour.

12. To receive an update on the recruitment of a new Groundsperson

Three applications were received for the role of Groundsperson and all three applicants were interviewed. The role has now been offered and accepted, with a start date of mid-April. Cllr Hale reported that the successful applicant has lots of experience, a background in horticulture and has been working for NFDC for the past five years.

13. To receive an update on the Town Hall project

The Town Council's instructed architects presented their tender report before today's General Council meeting. The recommendations will be discussed at an Extraordinary General Council meeting on 13th March.

14. To report on any Health & Safety issues

The Town Clerk reported that Ellis Whittam will visit in April to review Health and Safety at Fordingbridge Town Council.

15. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended
Cllrs Paton & Mouland – attended the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Planning Event, “More, Better, Faster” on 8th February. They reported that town plans weren’t being taken notice of, however a limited town plan considering the style of developments could be worth doing.

Action: To discuss further at Planning Committee meeting. Town Clerk to add to agenda.

Cllr Mouland attended the rugby club meeting

Cllr Hale attended the Victoria Rooms Trustees meeting on 21st February

Cllr Paton helped with the allotment green bank clearance on 1st March. She thanked the Town Clerk and his wife, and Cllrs Anstey and Wilson for their involvement.

Cllrs Earth, Hale, Lewendon, Mouland and Perkins attended the Public Consultation Event on Site 16 – Land to the north of Station Road, held at St Mary’s Church Hall on 27th February 2019. Following this meeting, a Facebook Group has been created by a member of the public – “Fordingbridge say No to Site 16 developments”.

16. To note any items of correspondence

Fordingbridge Town Council has been forwarded a copy of correspondence between a member of the public and Cllr Sevier, expressing concern that the Post Office would lose business and potentially close to the detriment of Fordingbridge, after NFDC issued a parking fine for parking behind the Post Office. Cllr Lewendon commented that if cars parked in such a way that they overlapped the pavement, it endangered pedestrians who then had to walk out into the road to pass.

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

Nothing further to report.

18. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 3rd April 2019

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN JANUARY 2019 BEAT REPORT

Crime Tree	08 Nov 06 Feb	10 Aug 07 Nov	Difference	Difference %
1b Violence with Injury	10	10	0	
1c Violence without Injury	9	8	1	
2a Rape	2	2	0	
2b Other Sexual Offences	2		2	
4a1 Burglary Residential	8	8	0	
4a2 Burglary Business and Community	5	2	3	
4b Vehicle Offences	6	4	2	
4d Bicycle Theft		1	-1	
4f All Other Theft Offences	14	6	8	
5a Criminal Damage	6	8	-2	
5b Arson	1		1	
6b Possession of Drugs	2	1	1	
8 Public Order Offences	6	3	3	
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1	5	-4	
Sum:	72	58	14	24.14%

Burglary (excluding sheds/garages)	R12 YTD-1	R12 YTD	Difference	Difference %
Residential Burglary (excluding sheds/garages)	3	2	-1	-33.33%

74 Recorded occurrences

An increase on calls reporting suspicious incidents and ASB incidents, however most of these related to people who are known to each other.

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There has been a few recent incidents where members of the public have shared CCTV footage on social media sites, either on closed groups or a more public forum.

I would always promote tools that allow the community communicate in a positive way, however, the sharing of certain information has caused recent complications in ongoing investigations.

I would therefore please urge people to speak to us before sharing these images.

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