

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr P Anstey – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Connolly, Earth, Fulford, Hale, Lewendon, Perkins and White

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Ruth Croker, Footpath Officer
Cllr Sevier (NFDC)
Cllr Heron (HCC)
A Representative from The Salisbury Journal

1. To receive apologies for absence

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

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 and to report on any matters arising.

Cllr Connolly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 2nd May 2018 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 7 - To vote on membership of committees

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED:** to accept the Committee membership as listed in Appendix A – Membership of the Staff & Remuneration Committee has not been agreed under this resolution and will be discussed at the General Council meeting in July.

Minute No. 8 – Representatives of Outside Bodies

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED:** to accept the representatives on outside bodies as listed in Appendix A.

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 & Disorder Act

The clerk read out the following crime reports for April and May.

	April	May
Anti-Social Behaviour	3	26
Violence against person	6	3
Dwelling Burglary	2	1
Other Burglary	1	1
Damage	14	3
Theft	8	5

Theft from Vehicles	4	1
Suspicious Incidents	11	7

The clerk reported on correspondence received complaining about attacks on wildlife at the recreation ground and also regarding anti-social behaviour in the Roundhills area.

PCSO Stephen May also reported that the anti-social behaviour is being closely monitored and is in part due to the half term holiday and the work being done to ensure that people/businesses are reporting incidents to 101 or via the self-evident app. He is working with NFDC to see if any local orders can be implemented. The incidents at St Mary's Church are also being investigated and the police are again working closely with members of the church to try and decrease the incidents.

Cllr Adams requested that the Clerk seek clarification regarding how many of the incidents listed on the crime reports receive any follow up action by the police.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

Cllr Anstey reported on the following activities undertaken during the month.

- 14th Meeting with Rugby Club Chair regarding the Pavilion & sports Club buildings
- 16th Camera Club reception/exhibition
- 19th 150th Turks Anniversary Festival of Football – also attended by Hampshire FA Historian & FIFA Historian
- 29th Met with IT Consultant re office move
- 31st Local resident's 102nd Birthday party
- 31st Sports Club AGM
- 5th Rugby Club AGM
- 6th Meeting with Ambassador Pools

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron informed the meeting of the recent Town & Parish Council event held in May at which discussion took place about a project regarding provision of adult social care and how towns and parishes could be involved. Cllr Heron advised that presentations could be made to local councils and the chairman accepted this offer.

Cllr Fulford commented about the local carers group and not for profit organisations.

Cllr Heron responded that it is difficult to recruit carers in areas with high living costs and HCC needs to be aware now of provision locally.

Cllr Perkins advised that a local residents help group had been formed.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier reported that the Cabinet (NFDC) had that day approved the next stage of consultation for the District Wide Local Plan – this would be released during late June/early July.

Cllr Sevier also spoke about the recently received consultation regarding the proposed federation of Fordingbridge Infant & Junior Schools – this has been distributed to Members.

Cllr Perkins queried how many grass cuts would be carried out this year – Cllr Sevier confirmed not as many cuts, discussion then took place regarding the lengthsman taking on more (both adjacent to highways and on footpaths).

Cllr Earth raised the ongoing issues at Riverside Place with regard to public access. The Clerk advised on recent correspondence with NFDC and Cllr Heron responded that NFDC could not now call for the public open space to be dedicated.

Cllrs Heron & Sevier left the meeting together with the Footpath Officer.

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

- Planning Committee 9th May 2018 – received Cllr Fulford
- Amenities Committee 16th May 2018 - received Cllr Anstey
- General Purposes Committee 16th May 2018 – received Cllr Earth
- Finance & Policy Committee 23rd May 2018 – received Cllr Connolly

10. To report on any Health & Safety issues

- Advice received from Ambassador Pools regarding use of chemicals
- The chairman reminded Members to sign up to the Health and Safety Policy

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

Cllr Lewendon – due to attend Parish Council Transport meeting on 7th June in Lyndhurst.

Cllr White reported on attendance on various meetings regarding the Summer Festival and a meeting with the skatepark supplier and users.

Cllr Hale reported on the attendance at the following meetings:

- 10th Victoria Rooms
- 16th Day Centre Lunch Clubs (2) AGMS
- 30th Conservation Group – Thanks to Marcus for consultation and tree work at Bishops Pond

Cllr Earth advised that the Twinning Association would be holding a tea party at Bridges Tea Rooms on 2nd September for potential new members

Cllr Fulford reported on the following:

22nd Burgate School – this meeting focussed on how the school can work together with the community and the benefits to the community of utilising Burgate's resources. In particular discussion took place regarding sport and recreation provision, with Jamie Burton (NFDC) proposing a meeting to which all those with a sporting interest are invited and a Sports Strategy is formed.

A termly meeting of the Committee is proposed.

23rd Neighbourhood Planning Seminar attended with Cllr Connolly & the Clerk – Cllr Fulford stressed the need to move this forward particularly with the emerging Local Plan allocations.

The Clerk advised that the facilitator for the meeting Plan-et had been contacted with a view to finding out the services offered to local councils.

Cllr Fulford confirmed that it is important that all members read and understand the Local Plan.

12. To note any items of correspondence

The Clerk advised that several items of correspondence had already been discussed with other items on the agenda including complaints received regarding Riverside Place, attacks on wildlife and anti-social behaviour.

The Clerk then advised members of a UK Cycling event due to take place on 10th June which was routed through the town centre.

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

- Sequoia Farm now appears abandoned
- Trees attacked by dogs at Allenwater Drive – NFDC dog warden & police contacted
- Memorial stones cleaned today, sign writing to be done soon

Cllr Fulford raised that the Avon Valley Path from St Mary's to Bicton (& to Midgham) was overgrown. Cllr Lewendon reported that the path from Burgate to Breamore was also overgrown.

Action: Clerk to check priority cutting lists and if necessary issue worksheets to the lengthsman.

14. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 4th July 2018

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Members of the Council may be contacted via the Town Council Office on 01425 654134 or town.clerk@fordingbridge.gov.uk

Members of the Town Council

Cllr Paul Anstey – Town Mayor
Cllr Edward Hale – Deputy Mayor
Cllr Malcolm Connolly

Vacancy

Cllr Patricia Earth
Cllr Malcolm Adams
Cllr Rosemary Fulford
Cllr Alan Lewendon
Cllr Diane Paton
Cllr Brian Perkins
Cllr Anna Wilson

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr. A. Lewendon
Cllr. D. Paton
Cllr. B. Perkins – Vice Chairman
Cllr. P. White

Vacancy

Cllr. P. Anstey - Chairman) ex-
Cllr. E. Hale) officio

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Cllr. M. Adams
Cllr. M. Connolly
Cllr P. Earth - chairman
Cllr. R. Fulford
Cllr. A. Wilson
Cllr. P. Anstey) ex-
Cllr. E. Hale) officio

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

All members of the Council
Chairman – Cllr. M Connolly
Vice Chairman – Cllr M Adams

PLANNING COMMITTEE

All members of the Council
Chairman – Cllr. R. Fulford
Vice Chairman – Cllr E Hale

STAFF & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

To be confirmed

3 Members + Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Council

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Chairman – Cllr A Lewendon

Up to 4 other members of the Council

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

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| • Burgate School Community Management | Cllr. R. Fulford |
| • Footpath Officer | Ruth Croker |
| • Fordingbridge Hospital Stakeholder Group | Cllr Lewendon |
| • Fordingbridge Sports Club | Cllr. P Anstey |
| • FCAVG | Cllr E. Hale |
| • HALC | Cllr. M Connolly & Cllr R Fulford |
| • NFALC | Cllr. M Connolly & Cllr R Fulford |
| • N F Consultative Panel | Cllr R Fulford |
| • NPA Quadrant meetings | Cllr M Connolly |
| • Passenger Transport | Cllr A. Lewendon |
| • Twinning Association | Cllr Earth |
| • Victoria Rooms Committee | Cllr. E. Hale |
| • Youth Action Group | Cllr. D. Paton & Cllr M Connolly |