

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr Adams – Chair;

Cllrs Anstey, Earth, Goldsmith, Hale, Jackson, Lewendon, Millar, Paton, Perkins, White & Wilson

In attendance: Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk

1. To receive any apologies for absence

It was noted that the RFO was on annual leave.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adams declared an interest in the payment of accounts.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2022 and report any matters arising

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th June 2022 be signed as a true record. All in favour.
No matters arising.

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

No matters raised.

5. To receive details of Monies Collected & Payment of Accounts

Cllr Adams referred to the RFO's report to members and confirmed that all the payments were correct. [Cllr Perkins joined the meeting]

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Wilson and therefore **RESOLVED**: to approve the schedule of payments of account and that the amounts collected are correct. All in favour.

6. To consider grant applications under Section 137/CIL

- None

7. To consider a request from Westacres Residents Association for a contribution towards grass cutting

The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council leased the land in question from the New Forest District Council on a 999 year lease. Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Adams and therefore **RESOLVED**: to pay the Residents Association £250 to contribute towards grass cutting. All in favour.

8. To receive any Finance & Policy matters referred from sub-committees - nil

9. To receive an update on building matters

The Clerk advised that the twelve month defects meeting had taken place at the Pavilion. There was no further update regarding the planning application on the Town Hall. Comments regarding the reduced scheme had been sent to members and the architect.

10. To review the following policies and registers

- Members Code of Conduct
- Employees Code of Conduct

The above policies had been circulated prior to the meeting having been updated in line with current guidance. The Clerk advised one or two typos had been identified which would be corrected. Cllr Anstey noted that whilst the employee code included provisions regarding gifts and hospitality the members policy did not. Cllrs agreed that these provisions should be included in the members policy. Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and there **RESOLVED**: to approve the policies listed (with the inclusion of gifts and hospitality in the members code). All in favour.

11. To note any items of correspondence

A letter of thanks was received from Hope for Tomorrow for the grant.

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

The Clerk had forwarded members a draft email from Cllr Wilson to Cllr Annie Bellows (NFDC) in response to her email in relation to CIL providing information from Claire Upton Brown (NFDC). Cllrs discussed in what capacity the draft email should be sent and all agreed it should be sent from the Council as Chair. Cllr also discussed the apparent discrepancy between the Town Council's/Claire Upton Brown's CIL figures and the figures provided to a resident by the NFDC under a FOI request. The Clerk would look into his.

Cllrs discussed the current poor stocking by the Co-Op. **Action: Clerk to write to district manager raising concerns.** Cllrs discussed the need for another supermarket and raising this with the NFDC.

13. To note the date of the next meeting as 31st August 2022

The meeting ended at 7:51 pm.