

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extraordinary General Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2023
following Finance & Policy at 7.30pm in the Town Hall
(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)**

Present: Cllrs Bailey, Cameron, Hale, Hinton, Jackson, Lewendon, Millar, Paton, White (Chair) and Wilson

In Attendance: Mr Paul Goddard, Town Clerk
Mr M Coatham, Finance Officer

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Shering and Perkins.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

3. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

None.

4. To decide in principle whether to take title to the Tinkers Cross (20/11469) play areas (subject to agreeing a commuted sum with the developer)

Cllrs discussed the two play areas proposed on the Tinkers Cross site and the type of play equipment being proposed, which is agreed between the developer and the planning authority. There were still details being negotiated and finalised between the developer and the planning authority, which the Town Council would need to be aware of before committing to taking on the play areas. Cllr Wilson said the cost of the play equipment proposed was £69k and the cost of replacing the equipment at least once should be included in any commuted sum. Cllr Jackson said a survey of residents produced 600 to 700 responses and the majority of residents were in favour of the Town Council taking on amenity land. Cllr Hinton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Bailey and therefore RESOLVED: to agree in principle to take title to the Tinkers Cross play areas subject to being confident of the extent and details of the play areas involved and agreeing a commuted sum with the developer. All in favour.

5. To agree a quote for professional open space advice regarding the Tinkers Cross (20/11469) site open spaces

The Clerk had summarised the four fee proposals for professional advice on open spaces. Cllrs discussed the fee proposals. Cllr Wilson liked that Wild Future Outdoors were proposing a site visit. The Wild Future Outdoor proposal totalled £1,100-£1,275 but was broken into stages and the Council could stop at any stage. Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore RESOLVED: to proceed with the Wild Future Outdoor proposal. All in favour.

6. To note any items of correspondence

None.

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

Nothing to report.

8. To note the date of the next General Council Meeting as Wednesday 2nd August 2023
The meeting ended at 8:53 p.m.