

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7:30p.m. at the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

Present: Cllrs Wilson, Millar, Bailey and Shering

In Attendance: Paul Goddard, Town Clerk
Martine Coatham, RFO
Cllr Woods (NFDC)
Cllrs Hinton, Lewendon & Cameron

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Perkins, Paton and White.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

No declarations were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2023 and report any matters arising

Cllr Millar proposed, and it was seconded by Cllr Wilson and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2023 be signed as a true record. No matters arising.

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

No matters were raised.

5. Matters relating to the Recreation Ground

• **To consider Recreation Ground hire charges for 2024/25**

The RFO had circulated the proposed hire charges for 2024/25, showing a 3% increase across the charges with the exception of the pitch hire charges for Rugby and Football (due to reduced use of changing facilities and intended shared use of the community facility at Burgate School AWP). Cllr Millar proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Shering and therefore **RESOLVED**: to adopt the charges in line with the RFO's proposal except to keep the camping charge at £15 and leave the fishing charges as currently agreed. All in favour.

• **To review the tree works schedule and agree works**

There is no tree work required at the Recreation Ground this year.

The Clerk reported that the new grounds operative was starting next week.

6. To report any matters concerning Open Spaces

• Jobs for Lengthsman – 4th December 2023

No jobs identified

• To consider moving the community plot from the allotments to Flaxfields End
Cllrs agreed to defer making a decision to allow Cllr Bailey to look into this further

• To consider allowing an information notice board on Fred's patch

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Shering and therefore **RESOLVED**: to agree in principle to placing a notice board funded by the Rotary Club on Fred's patch.

7. To discuss budget proposals for 2024/25 financial year and make a recommendation to the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting on the 29th November 2023

The RFO had circulated budget proposals for all committees prior to the meeting. Cllr Millar proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Shering and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend the RFO's budget to the Finance & Policy Committee on 29th November 2023. All in favour.

8. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence.

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

The Clerk reported that a £25k grant application had been submitted to the NFDC's Rural Prosperity grant fund towards the cost of a circular path at the Recreation Ground.

10. To note the date of the next meeting as 17th January 2024

The meeting closed at 8:34pm.