

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 8:32pm.**

**(Minutes draft until approved at the following meeting of the Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Cameron – Chair  
Cllrs Anstey (who had agreed to join the sub-committee) and White

**In Attendance:** Paul Goddard, Town Clerk  
Cllrs Bailey & Woods (NFDC) (Public gallery)

### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Lewendon, Millar, Hinton and Wilson

### **2. To receive any declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest.

### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and report on any matters arising.**

Cllr White proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Cameron and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be signed as a true record. All present in favour.

Matters Arising:

Agenda point 9 – Clerk to check the footpath at Victoria Gardens had been cleared.

Agenda point 10 – The Clerk advised that the adjacent landowner was to clear trees prior to the allotments at Augustus Park being handed over.

Agenda point 11 – The Clerk explained the background to the SSEN grant.

### **4. To receive any matters raised by members of the public**

None

### **5. To report on any matters concerning St Marys Closed Churchyard and Stuckton Road Cemetery**

The Clerk advised that the large fallen tree at the Cemetery was due to be cleared by Treemenders once the ground had dried up.

### **6. Matters relating to the use of the Town Hall**

The Clerk advised that following the installation of the automatic clock winder, the clock stopped working. Smith of Derby are due to be sending an engineer to inspect and repair the clock.

### **7. To report on any matters relating to the Information Office**

The Information Office will be opening five day's a week from the beginning of April for the summer months. The Clerk is finalising the new SLA with the NFDC in relation to the Information Office.

### **8. To report any matters concerning footpaths**

- Jobs for Lengthsman – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Cllr Woods had received a complaint regarding the condition of the old railway line. He and Cllr White are meeting an NFDC officer on site towards the end of April to inspect the path. Cllr Bailey advised that the railway bridge is overgrown with ivy which could damage the brickwork. The bridge is the responsibility of the NFDC and Cllr White will raise this at his meeting.

**9. To report on any matters concerning Allotments**

Tenants have recently entered into a new tenancy agreement at the allotments. However, following a fire related incident at allotments in Ringwood, Cllrs wondered whether the tenancy agreement should be looked at again. Cllrs discussed assessing the risk of fire at the allotments and measures that might mitigate the risk. **Action: Clerk to look at the terms of the tenancy agreement .**

**10. To note any items of correspondence**

No items of correspondence.

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

No report.

**12. To note the date of the next meeting as 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The meeting finished at 8:48pm.