

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 8.05 p.m. in the Town Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Anstey - Chairman
Cllrs. Perkins, Price, Connolly & Lewendon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs Adams, Hale, (A) Wilson & (G) Wilson
Miss D Vine, Assistant Town Clerk
4 Members of the Public

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Cllrs Fulford & Paton

2. To receive any declarations of interest

None received

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th November 2013 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Perkins and seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th November 2013 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Front Deck – Agreement had been received from the Finance & Policy Committee on the 27th November 2013 for the release of monies from the reserves to purchase the new front deck and this is currently being undertaken.

Whitsbury Road, Picket Close Junction – Cllr Anstey advised that he had researched various appropriate ways of dealing with the issue of parking on Open Space. An option would be to write to residents making them aware of the issues and the fact that cars had difficulty exiting the Close as they were unable to see. No final decision was made on what action to take.

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

Mr Nigel Davis had previously submitted proposals and thoughts regarding catering facilities for the proposed Concession building and now that Planning permission had been granted wished to advise Members of his continued interest. Cllr Connolly advised that no decision had yet been made with regard to the operating of the concession but Mr Davis would be updated with regard to any future developments and thanked him for his continued interest.

5. To report on matters relating to the Recreation Ground

Football Pitches – A decision has been made that a match can be played on Brownsey's Field this weekend. The Sports Club had been advised however, that if the area which is soggy is dug up by the match the Council would not guarantee that it will be put right until the end of the season, especially if this involves an expensive repair.

To discuss a height barrier gate placed at the entrance – Sgt Towler, Neighbourhood Policing had suggested the erection of a height barrier at the entrance to the recreation Ground to prevent caravans and other high sided vehicles entering. Members understood the reasons for the suggestion, however it was felt this was not a practical option as delivery vehicles required regular access and the barrier would have to be removed to allow access to the Whippet Club when they came to stay during the summer, unless it was electronic and the cost of installing and maintaining this would be too great.

6. To report on any matter concerning Open Spaces

Sweatsford Water – The Assistant Clerk outlined a proposal made by Steve Jones from NFDC that the boardwalks in Sweatsford Water would shortly all be replaced by new, more robust walkways, before the responsibility for maintenance of the area was passed to Fordingbridge Town Council. The Clerk had advised Steve Jones that this decision was not something the Council had been made aware of and would need to be discussed by members as a previous proposal to pass responsibility to Sweatsford Water to FTC had been declined due to disagreement over the terms of the lease. An update is awaited from NFDC.

Cllr Anstey proposed that once all flood water had receded a formal inspection of all open spaces should take place to ensure that they are free of debris and this should be recorded and reported back to Council. This was AGREED by Members.

7. To report on Tree Works

Nothing to report

8. To note any items of correspondence

Nothing to report

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

Cllr Perkins advised that flooding responsibility had now been transferred to Hampshire County Council from the Environment Agency.

10. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 19th March 2014.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.