

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the Town Hall** (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

**Present:** Cllr Anstey – Chairman  
Cllrs Paton, Price, Lewendon, Perkins and Fulford

**In Attendance:** Miss D Vine, Asst Town Clerk  
Cllrs A Wilson, Adams & Earth

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

Cllr Connolly

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

No declarations of interest received.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and report on any matters arising.**

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be signed as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising**

- Park Fishing Proposal – A proposal had now been received from Nigel Davis. Clerk to look at and bring to the Amenities Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

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

Nothing raised.

#### **5. To report on matters relating to the Recreation Ground**

- Play Area Enhancement – Work due to commence on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015. A decision on the exact placing of equipment could be made once the contractors are on site.
- Play Area Equipment – A quotation had been obtained for the replacement of the bearings on the Orbiter Roundabout at a cost of £1,344.00 including fitting. Two further quotes had been obtained costing the full replacement of the roundabout at £3,200 from Hags/SMP (fitting not included) and £5,030 from Proludic (including groundwork and fitting). Cllr Anstey advised that he had inspected the metal work on the existing roundabout which was sound and therefore his recommendation would be to replace the bearings which would extend the life of the roundabout for a number of years. Cllrs Fulford and Perkins commented that the cost of the bearings appeared quite high and queried if another quote could be obtained. Cllr Anstey advised that further quotes for bearings could be obtained but there was still fitting to consider which could not be undertaken by the groundsman, and professional fitting would probably be required to

satisfy insurance arrangements.. Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Price and AGREED to recommend to Finance & Policy Committee that the quotation from Hags/SMP for £1,344.00. Be accepted, subject to the Clerk confirming the warranty period for the bearings.

- Skatepark Repairs/Lights – Repairs to the skatepark are complete including a new grind rail. The skatepark lights are on order.
- Memorial Garden Gates – The gates will be removed on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September to be repaired and repainted which will take about 3 days. Temporary fencing will be erected and signs indicating why the gates have been removed.
- Riverside Kiosk – All door handles and drip strip now replaced. No other issues.
- Recreation Ground security – The Clerk is researching costs and types of barriers which could be erected at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. The Rugby Club are looking at lockable manual telescopic bollards for the entrance to Brownsey's Field.
- Pavilion Refurbishment – The RFO had submitted a report to Members outlining proposals to refurbish the existing Pavilion. She had also had a meeting with a local Architect and requested proposals and costs for refurbishment of the existing building and also replacement so that there. Once available these would be presented to Committee for consideration.
- Legionella Risk Assessment - Clearwater Technologies had submitted a quotation for £391.00 + VAT to carry out a risk assessment at the Sports Pavilion and Town Hall. Cllr Anstey advised that the Council had a duty of care to have the report carried out and would highlight any remedial work which may be required. Cllr Perkins asked if a local firm might be asked to quote. Members AGREED that an assessment should be carried out but the Clerk to investigate further quotations for preparing a report.

#### **6. To report on any Matters concerning Open Spaces**

- Fly Tipping – Normandy Way – Cllr Anstey advised that a course of action had been agreed between NFDC and Westacres Residents Association.

#### **7. To report on any Tree Works**

Permission for the removal of the dead Oak Tree in the Recreation Ground had been given by NFDC. Work to be undertaken by the groundsman and Marcus Noke.

#### **8. To note any items of correspondence**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

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**10.** To note the date of the next meeting as **18<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm