

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th May 2015 in the Town Hall

(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present:

Cllr Anstey – Chairman
Cllrs Connolly, Price, Lewendon and Perkins

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Cllrs (G) Wilson, Earth and Adams
Nigel Davis, Riverside Kiosk

Cllr Anstey opened the meeting and informed members that the Committee need to resolve issues in a more timely manner and Committee Members need to lead on projects (should not be left to Chairman alone).

1. To elect a Chairman

Cllr Connolly proposed and Cllr Perkins seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Anstey be elected as Chairman of the Amenities Committee. All voted in favour.

2. To elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr Anstey proposed and Cllr Connolly seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Perkins be elected as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee. All voted in favour.

3. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received

4. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations made.

5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2015 and report on any matters arising

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Price and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th March 2015 be signed as a true record with the following amendment:

Minute No. 1 – Insert “*Apologies were received from Cllr Lewendon*”

Matters Arising – Minute No 5 Recreation Ground
Car Park Repairs – Quotes not yet obtained.

Replacement of Twinning Tree – Cllr (G) Wilson (from public gallery) informed the meeting that the Twinning Association are considering the best location for the replacement tree (unable to be placed in original position due to play area enhancement). Town Clerk to establish cost of replacement.

Fishing Proposal – To be discussed under Agenda item 7.

Skatepark Lights – Quote not yet received from electrician for replacement of faulty units – Town Clerk to chase.

Old Toilet Block – Response awaited from New Forest DC

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

No matters raised.

7. To Report on Matters relating to the Recreation Ground

Paddling Pool – Works to commence on refurbishment 21/05/15 – pool will not be open for Bank Holiday or Half Term break.

Park Fishing Proposal – Following discussion Members AGREED that the Town Clerk should meet with Nigel Davis (Riverside Kiosk) to agree details for the sale of fishing permits and patrolling of the River Bank within the Recreation Ground where the Council have the fishing rights.

Lifebuoys – The Clerk reported that 2 of the 5 lifebuoys are missing and the previous supplier is unable to supply to the same specification – newer models will not fit into the existing housing. A further supplier has been contacted to establish if the older style are still available and also a quote has been obtained for the replacement of the complete unit including the housing..

Memorial Gardens – Following a complaint received from the British Legion regarding the condition of the gardens, Cllr Connolly is to approach the Horticultural Society for assistance.

Riverside Kiosk – The Clerk reported that there had been several defects reported recently which require resolution:

- Shutter not secure – Resolved by supplier
- Worktop – Hinders fridge door operation – Builder informed
- Extractor Fan not functioning properly – Builder informed
- Mortar on Outside of Kiosk has been displaced – Builder to be informed
- Toilet Door Handles/Locks – 2 broken – Builder informed (need to be replaced)

Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the Architect, Michael Weakley raising concern about these items. The scheme is still within the defects liability period and retention monies are held.

8. To consider quotations received in respect of the Play Area Enhancement

The Finance Officer has obtained proposals and quotations from 5 suppliers for the additional equipment to be provided at the Children's play area in the Recreation Ground. The Quotes range in price from £27,345 to £40,000. Following consideration of the proposals:

Cllr Connolly proposed and Cllr Lewendon seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED**: that proposals received from Hags SMP and Proludic be taken forward to Finance and Policy Committee on 27th May 2015 for consideration. All voted in favour.

9. To report on any matters concerning Open Scpaces

Sweatsford Water Meadow - Discussion took place regarding ownership of Sweatsford Water Meadow and concern was raised regarding dogs swimming in the conservation ponds. Town Clerk to write to New Forest DC and request that signs are erected asking for dogs to be kept on leads when crossing the boardwalks.

Queens Garden Play Area – Fence to be replaced

Flaxfields End Play – Recent vandalism reported including damage to dog waste bin.

10. To report on any Tree Works

The Clerk reported that only one item remained to be carried out following the Annual tree survey; this relates to work required at Bishops Pond.

The clerk also reported that notification had been received from New Forest District Council of an increase in the hourly rate for the Corporate Tree Manager Service.

Noted by Members.

Cllr Lewendon reported that further complaint had been received regarding the area of former railway line at Whitsbury Road and misuse of the area. Bushes need to be cleared. Town Clerk to investigate.

11. To note any items of Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

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

Concern raised over length of grass on Pitches at the Recreation Ground – Clerk to discuss with Groundsman.

Concern also raised over rabbit damage on Brownsey's Field – Town Clerk to investigate

13. To note the date of the next meeting as 15th July 2015

The meeting closed at 8.15pm