

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Fordingbridge**

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

#### **Present:**

Cllr Anstey – Chairman

Cllrs Fulford, Price, Paton, Lewendon, Perkins & Connolly

**In Attendance:** Helen Richards, Town Clerk

Cllrs (G) Wilson, (A) Wilson, Adams & N Davis, Riverside Kiosk

#### **1. To accept Apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

#### **2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of Interest made.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and report on any matters arising.**

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be signed as a true record.

No matters arising.

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

No matters received from members of the public.

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

Car Park - Quote received for resurfacing of Car Park and repairs to Speed Hump – Further quote to be requested.

Park Fishing Proposal – Mr Davis outlined the proposal for the management of fishing rights at the Recreation Ground including the sale of permits and closer monitoring of the river banks and fishing and providing better signage. TC

Replacement Play Equipment - Members agreed that all essential work identified on the ROSPA reports should be carried out including works to the skate park. Fence to skate park also requires repair. Town Clerk to investigate.

Old Toilet Block – Budget Price and Survey Plans received for conversion of Old Toilet Block for use as Youth Facility – Town Clerk to forward details to Cllrs Heron & Bellow.

**6. To discuss the proposal from Wheelers Motorcycle Events**

The Clerk outlined the details received and informed Members that the date for the event had been agreed as 11/12<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The event is for Motorcycle enthusiasts and members of the public to gather; a limit of 500 motorbikes would be allowed; local traders and organisations would be invited to attend (trade stand) together with associated other traders and overnight camping would be provided. The organiser is currently organising Risk Assessment, First Aid Cover and other details to satisfy health and safety requirements – organiser working with New Forest DC events team. This would be a chargeable event with proceeds after expenses given to charity. Further details to be reported back to Amenities Committee when received.

**7. To report on any Matters relating to Open Spaces**

Sweatsford Water – No further update received from New Forest DC.

Tinkers Cross area – Cllr Lewendon on recent issues on the land of the old railway line and drugs misuse. Ownership uncertain, however the removal of bushes on Tinkers Cross Farm could help to improve situation. Town Clerk to investigate.

**8. To Report on any Tree Works**

Tree Maintenance – 2 quotes received for essential tree works – Members AGREED to accept the quote from Gristwood & Toms in the sum of £887.67 + Vat. Order to be placed.

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

Fordingbridge Rugby Football club – Letter received providing further details of drainage proposals – Forwarded to owner for consideration.

**10. To receive a Report from the Clerk or any other relevant business**

The Clerk reported that the Mayor would attend an event on 24/01/15 regarding War Memorials – report back to next meeting on proposed maintenance requirements.

Cllr Fulford reported that one of the memorial trees in the Memorial Garden had been damaged and required protection – Town Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Perkins reported that a meeting with the Environment Agency was scheduled the following day at the Recreation Ground to discuss Bank Erosion. It was also reported that a turf had been removed from grass at the Recreation Ground. Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Connolly – raised the provision of a Band Stand within the Memorial Gardens, this will be discussed at next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.