

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall, Fordingbridge

Present:

Cllr Adams – Chairman

Cllrs Anstey, Connolly, Fulford, Lewendon, Hale, Paton, Perkins, Price, (A) Wilson & (G) Wilson

In attendance:

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

Martine Coatham, Finance Officer.

1. To accept apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Robbins.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adams and Cllr Perkins both declared an interest in payments of accounts (agenda item 4)

Cllr (A) Wilson declared an interest in Badminton Hire Rates (agenda item 6)

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2013 and report any matters arising.

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Lewendon that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2013 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

Matters arising

Youth Shelter – the Finance Officer confirmed that the Insurance company had agreed that a claim could be made against the policy for the damage to the Youth Shelter.

Asbestos Report – the Clerk to chase the companies recommended by Michael Weakley Architects for a quote for an asbestos report.

4. To receive details of Monies Collected and Payment of Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Connolly that the monies collected and accounts be approved and paid. All in favour, Carried.

The Finance Officer advised that there was likely to be a £20k overspend at year end due to unbudgeted items but this would be covered by reserves as known at the time of the decision to spend.

5. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

No members of the public were present.

6. To received recommendations from other Committees

General Purposes Committee

Cllr (A) Wilson, having declared an interest, left the meeting.

Badminton Club - Members discussed the request by the Badminton Club to have a concession for the hire rate paid for their use of the Hall.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr (G) Wilson and seconded by Cllr Adams that the Badminton Club be charged £25 per session during the 2013/14 financial year after

which the rate will be reviewed. Cllr Connolly & Fulford abstained, all other members in favour. Carried.

Cllr (A) Wilson re-entered the meeting.

Town Hall – a quote has been received from M Castle Builders for the upkeep of the Clock Tower and decoration of the front of the building. Scaffolding costs are included in the quote and this will be required for the Clock Tower work and will also be used for the decoration of the front. The Clerk advised that two further quotes had been requested in accordance with Financial Standing Orders.

It was AGREED to wait a further two weeks for answers to the other quotes. If no responses have been forthcoming then accept the quote from M Castle Builders. If quotes are received then to be considered in conjunction with the quote from M Castle Builders.

7. To note any items of Correspondence

No correspondence.

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

Nothing to report.

9. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 24th April 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.