

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall Council, Fordingbridge

#### **Present:**

Cllr Adams – Chairman

Cllrs Anstey, Connolly, Fulford, Lewendon, Hale, Paton, Perkins, (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 Price.

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

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

#### **3. To report any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

No matters to 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.

Information Office - It was AGREED to transfer the balance of the VIC account to the Town Council account, to help offset the setting up costs of the Information Office, and then close the VIC account.

Edgar Downe pictures - It was AGREED to have the pictures valued after they have been conserved.

Youth Shelter damage – the Clerk reported that a quote to repair a panel had been received from Broxap. It will cost £550 without installation. The Clerk to enquire if a panel could be made locally and fitted by the Groundsmen. The Finance Officer to check if a claim for the damage can be made to Zurich Insurance.

Dog Bins – the Finance Officer reported that the NFDC Dog Bin emptying service costs for 2013/14 are £1705.00

Zurich Insurance – There has been a 3.8% increase in the insurance costs to £11,584. The buildings insurance is now index linked.

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

No members of the public were present.

#### **6. To discuss the Sports Club lease**

Cllr Anstey wanted to establish ownership of the Sports Club in order that the Town Council was aware of any financial commitment that will need to be made. The original lease was signed in May 1977 and this was renewed in 2006 and then in April 2012, on the same basis as that of 2006.

At the time of the 2006 renewal changes were made from the clauses in the original lease. The original lease it stated that the Sports Club were responsible for insuring the building and in the 2006 lease this was still the case with the exception of a change to the insurance provider. Cllr Anstey asked why the Town Council were paying the insurance? It also needed to be determined if the Sports Club were paying for public liability when the building was in use.

The issue regards the ownership of the Sports Club House remains unsolved as neither Lease (1977 & 2006) makes any clear statement of ownership. Both leases refer to 'demised premises' but use different definitions.

The Clerk to investigate and report back.

## **7. To note any items of Correspondence**

Whippet Club Camping event – the Whippet Club had written querying prices for camping on the Recreation Ground in June this year, their Annual Meeting. Members agreed that the camping fees were separate from the track hire fees. They agreed to offer a lower track hire fee in view of the fact that the Club members cleaned the showers and the toilets during the duration of the Meet.

Westacres Residents Association – it was AGREED to pay £200 to the Association for the annual upkeep of the land at the end of Normandy Way.

Pavilion – An asbestos report is needed for the planning permission application for the new Sports Facility. M Weakley Associates have recommended a company to carry out the work. The Clerk to report back the cost.

NFDC Cllr A Sevier has advised that she had donated her parish allowance to the Rainbow Centre running costs as it houses the Fordingbridge CAB and 'It's Your Choice' charity.

HCC Cllr E Heron has supported a HCC grant application from FTC towards the Christmas lights expenses.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013.****

The meeting went into CLOSED Session

## **10. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2013 (held in Closed Session) and report any matters arising.**

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Lewendon that the minutes were a true record. All in favour, Carried.

There were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.