

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall**

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

**Present:** Cllr Anstey – Vice Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Price, Lewendon, Fulford, Wilson, Hale, Earth, Perkins & Paton

**In attendance:** Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Cllr E Heron, Hampshire CC

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Connolly & Cllrs Sevier & Bellows, New Forest DC

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

No declarations made.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and report any matters arising**

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be signed as a true record.

*Cllr Paton entered the meeting*

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

**4. To receive any matters raised by Members Of the Public**

No members of the public present.

**5. To receive a report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act**

A written report had been submitted by PCSO May which was read out by the Clerk.

	September 2016
Anti-social Behaviour	5
Violence against the Person Injury	5
Dwelling Burglary	3
Burglary other than Dwelling	0
Damage	4
Theft	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
Suspicious Incidents	7

**6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor**

The Mayor is currently recovering from an operation and has not undertaken any duties.

**7. To receive a report from the County Councillor**

Cllr Heron advised that the Boundary Review was now completed resulting in Fordingbridge being included in the Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge area. The Hampshire County Council (HCC) public consultation on Local Governance has also closed.

The roadworks currently being undertaken in Salisbury Street would not be completed within the original time frame of 4 weeks, undeclared services had been encountered which had caused

delays and further testing was required. This will necessitate a further road closure during Spring 2017.

Members commented that the slip road should be opened to allow traffic to exit onto the A338 from the Ringwood Road entry slip. Cllr Heron advised that this had been discussed and dismissed as not feasible in road safety terms. Members also raised concerns over resourcing of the works and lack of overall control/management. The Helpline telephone was either not answered or staff were unable to give information.

Cllr Heron advised that full consultation would be carried out with the Town Council when planning the Spring closure.

The Clerk advised that HCC had advised that Town and Parish Council could make representations regarding Local Governance until the end of October and the comments received at the 4 workshops would be circulated.

#### **8. To receive a report from the District Councillors**

District Councillors not present, however Cllr Heron advised that New Forest DC will be removing recycling facilities (smaller bring sites) as most recyclables could now be recycled through the household kerbside recycling scheme (100+ bring sites would be reduced to 20 sites and new facilities would be provided for small electrical items).

*Cllr Heron left the meeting, Cllr Perkins left the meeting.*

#### **9. To receive the following Committee meeting Minutes and any recommendations to General Council contained therein:**

- Planning Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> September – received by Cllr Fulford
- Amenities Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> September – received by Cllr Anstey
- General Purposes Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> September received by Cllr Wilson
- Finance & Policy Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> September – Received by Cllr Adams

*Cllr Perkins returned to the meeting*

#### **10. To report on any Health & Safety issues**

Cllr Anstey reported that an incident had recently occurred at the Toilet Block at the Recreation Ground when a child sustained injury to her hand when the door closed quickly due to a broken door closer. The door has been locked prior to initiating a repair.

#### **11. A - To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended**

Cllr Perkins reported on attendance at a Business Partnership event designed to increase footfall in the town – Cllr Perkins considered that it was not very helpful and that Planning Issues should be overcome first.

Cllr Hale reported attendance at a workshop run by Hampshire CC regarding Local Governance.

Cllr Wilson advised that at a recent meeting at the Avonway Centre regarding the Christmas Event, the centre manager advised of a Wellbeing Day that would be held at the Centre between 10am-4pm on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr Fulford reported attending a meeting at Burgate School however there was nothing to report to Council.

#### **12 - To receive any items of correspondence**

The clerk reported that a request had been received from New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau regarding sharing of accommodation at the Information Office. The Clerk had responded that while

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this would not be feasible at present this would be borne in mind for any future plans for accommodation of office staff.

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

The clerk advised that replacement Fire Detectors had been installed in the Town Hall and a quote has been requested for installation of a detector in the Projector Room.

Members raised a query over the provision of Carbon Monoxide detectors.

**14. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm