

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7.35pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr M Connolly – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Price, Lewendon, Paton, Anstey, Perkins, Fulford, & Wilson

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Cllr E Heron, Hampshire CC

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bailey, Hale & Earth

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2016 and report any matters arising

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Ian Brown (Sports & Rugby Club) concerning Minute No. 11 and that the post of Vice Chair of the Sports Club had been vacant prior to appointment of a member of the Football Club at the AGM on 23rd May – draft minutes amended to remove “(position previously held by Rugby Club Representative)”

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th May 2016, as amended above, be signed as a true record.

All in favour

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 Crime Report for June had been received from the Police, which the Clerk read out:

Type	No.
Anti-Social Behaviour	5
Violence against the Person	6
Dwelling Burglary	0
Burglary other than Dwelling	5
Damage	3
Theft	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Suspicious Incidents	5

Cllr Paton entered the meeting during this item

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported on the following duties undertaken during June:

- 9th Bake off judging at Allenbrooke Nursing Home
- Twining Boules evening at Sandy Balls
- 12th Queens 90th Birthday celebrations – very successful event, consider Fun Day next year

- 22nd Unable to attend Cottage Hospital meeting
Dementia Awareness Training – Interesting & successful
Cllr Connolly advised members that CPR training would be held at the Fire Station on Saturday 9th July (11am to 1.00pm) & would urge people to attend
- 24th Forres Sandle Manor School End of Term Show
- 26th Armed Forces Day at Ringwood
- 29th Day Centre Annual Picnic, Avonway
- 30th Neighbourhood Planning meeting at Lymington Town Hall

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron reported that following the Electoral Boundary Review, proposals were due on 15th August – and advised members of his disappointment at losing Hyde Parish (transferring to Ringwood) the new ward would be known as Lyndhurst and Fordingbridge.

Consultation is due in the next few weeks on Devolution and Local Government re-organisation which requests comments on options proposed – would urge the Town Council to respond.

Cllr Heron then spoke of the Consultation from New Forest District Council on the Local Plan Part 1 – consultation period 15th July until 16th September 2016. Other documents to be read in conjunction with the plan are the Strategic Market Housing Assessment and the Sites Sustainability Appraisal. Cllr Heron explained the reasons behind Local Plan preparation and how sites are proposed. Any further (or alternative) sites must be subjected to the Sustainability Appraisal and there must be valid reasons why sites should not be allocated (this would need to be justified to a Planning Inspector at Public Inquiry).

Cllr Perkins reported that an elderly resident had tripped and fallen on the footway outside of the Town Hall due to the uneven surface. Following correspondence with Hampshire County Council no further action would be taken (either remedial works to the footway or compensation for the injured person). Clerk to send copies of correspondence to Cllr Heron.

Cllr Perkins had also received a complaint regarding the drains in the Car Park being blocked by tree roots.

Cllr Heron undertook to contact the relevant departments.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

No report

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

- **Planning 8/06/16** Received Cllr Connolly
- **Finance & Policy 29/06/16** Received by Cllr Connolly

There were no recommendations from the Committees.

10. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey raised whether an action from the recent Workshop Risk Assessment, to fix a shelf unit to the wall had been completed – Town Clerk to check.

11. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended

Cllr Fulford – Attended NFDC/NPA Neighbourhood Planning event at Lymington on 30th June 2016 – report to Planning on 13th July 2016. Cllr Connolly advised that New Forest Association Local Councils (NFALC) were providing support regarding producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Wilson - Allotment judging undertaken in June with Cllr Earth

Cllr Anstey – 15/06 Meeting with representatives from Football, Rugby & Whippet Racing Clubs

Regarding bookings and grounds maintenance. Thanks to Finance Officer for input.

- 25/06 Met with Rugby Club regarding grounds maintenance
- 02/07 Met fireman at Rec – set up for charity event
- 03/07 Carried out repairs to football pitch following damage at charity event (Procedure required for post-event inspection of grounds to check surface condition and rubbish removal)

12. To receive any items of correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence received:

Mr Simon concerning traffic and parking issues in Salisbury Street and the entrance to Roundhills – concerns have been forwarded to New Forest DC and Hampshire County Council.

Oscar Churchill – Request for information relating to social issues in Fordingbridge – Town Clerk to respond with the following issues:

- Police – lack of presence in the Town
- Traffic congestion and illegal parking
- Business/Town Centre – decline
- Flooding Threat
- Lack of Green Space

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

Cllr Perkins advised that Parking Enforcement was being actioned in Provost Street on a regular basis on Saturdays.

14. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 3rd August 2016

The meeting closed at 8.27pm