

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Anstey - Chairman

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

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

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Connolly  
Cllrs Heron, Sevier and Bellows NFDC

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

No declarations made.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and report any matters arising**

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be signed as a true record subject to the following amendment

Cllr Anstey shown as present when he was not.

All in favour

***Post meeting note to Minutes**, this has subsequently been clarified as incorrect, Cllr Anstey was present at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016.*

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**

No report received.

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

No report

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

No report

**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:**

- Amenities Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Received by Cllr Anstey
- General Purposes Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Received by Cllr Earth

Before the Minutes were received, Cllr Adams queried the procedure followed for the receipt of Minutes by General Council – the Clerk advised that this was the same procedure followed by Ringwood Town Council. The Chairman requested that this be deferred until a future meeting.

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

Cllr Fulford advised that she was finding it difficult to hear on occasion and requested that Members spoke up during debate.

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

##### Cllr Earth

##### Twining Association

9th June – Boules Evening, Sandy Balls

14/15<sup>th</sup> July – 5 members from Vimoutier would be visiting Fordingbridge – there will be coffee and cake provided in the Council Chamber on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am

26-28 May 2017 – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Twining

##### Cllr Perkins

20<sup>th</sup> May – attended lunch and presentation at Corintech with Cllrs Fulford and Adams – this included a talk by Desmond Swaine MP.

##### Cllr Anstey

23<sup>rd</sup> May – attended the Sports Club AGM and informed Members that a representative of the football club had now taken over as Vice Chair of the Sports Club (position previously held by Rugby Club Representative)

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

Following comments made on the Facebook page for Lefroy's concerning the decline of business and trade in Fordingbridge, the Clerk had posted a response on the Council website & suggested inviting traders to a meeting/forum to brainstorm ideas. A link to her response was also posted on Lefroy's Facebook page.

An email had been received from Mr Wilson, owner of the Alcove newsagents concerning the decline in business and suggesting that a way forward may be to offer one hour free parking and give details of a similar scheme operated elsewhere in the country. Clerk to investigate with NFDC.

The Clerk requested volunteers for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

Cllr Lewendon reported that dips in the Burnham Road and Lower Barton Road were dangerous as cars were scraping their bottoms. Clerk to contact Highways.

#### **14. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm