

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th March 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

In attendance:

NFDC Cllr Sevier

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Buchannan & Paton.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2014 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Anstey and seconded by Cllr Lewendon and **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2014 be signed as a true record.

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 police were present. A Police Liaison meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 11th March 2014 at 7.30pm.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor.

The Mayor advised his activities had been curtailed as he had been unwell for part of the month.

20/2/14 – the Mayor and Cllr Fulford visited the Tudor Rose to discuss a forthcoming planning application.

27/2/14 – The Mayor attended a WWI Group meeting. The Group are looking for a project manager to help with the organising of events. The names of the Memorial Gates are being researched and it has been discovered that 5 names are currently missing. Cllr Sevier suggested contacting Carol Staverton at the Lyndhurst Museum, who has researched all of the War Memorials in the area, for information. The Mayor advised that the Group will be approaching the Town Council for help with a project to produce a leaflet on all those who lost their lives and had a connection with Fordingbridge.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor.

Cllr Heron was absent.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier advised that Cllr Heron was leading a Flooding Task & Finish Group at NFDC.

NFDC Planning Enforcement is still working on the illegally placed mobile homes in Marl Lane.

Cllr Sevier left the meeting.

9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:

Planning Committee – **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12th February 2014 be received.

Finance & Policy Committee – **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 26th February 2014 be received.

10. To receive an update on the flooding issues in Fordingbridge

Cllr Perkins briefed members on the latest developments of the flooding problems in Fordingbridge. Ground water is now a problem. Flood Lane is still closed and the water is being diverted down Fryern Court Road. Cllr Perkins will continue to update members.

11. To report on any Health & Safety issues

There were no issues to discuss.

12. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Hale

Victoria Rooms Trustee meeting – 06.02.14 – the Main Hall has been decorated and the first floor lighting has been updated during January. Both are good improvements and the Trustees will thank the WYC Environmental and Fordingbridge Town Council for their grants. The 2013 accounts have been submitted to the Auditor who has approved these with some adjustments for depreciation. These show that the Rooms have made a good surplus in 2013 but the Trustees have concerns about the condition of the stair lift and front guttering. Bookings have been good with two separate Pantomimes and Forest Forge events being well attended. Concerns about the current Cleaner are being investigated. The AGM is planned for Friday 11th April.

Cllr A Wilson

Avonway – The Avonway Committee held a meeting to discuss the future of the Minibus. Following the cancellation of the CFNF hiring, the Avonway Minibus is running at a loss on costs/revenue. It was agreed that the Association should continue the operation of a community minibus. The meeting agreed that, subject to a satisfactory inspection by the RAC/AA, the Association should buy the ex-demonstrator Treka minibus.

13. To note any items of correspondence

Noting to report

14. To receive a report form the Clerk or any other relevant business

Memorial Bungalow boiler – Following the discussion at the Finance & Policy Committee meeting on 26th February the Clerk brought new information, about the repairs needed, to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Connolly and seconded by Cllr (G) Wilson and **RESOLVED:** that the boiler be repaired at the earliest possible time. Cllr Adams against.

15. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 2nd April 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.