

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr Connolly - Chairman

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

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Cllr A Sevier, New Forest DC

PCSOs Daisy Towers & Steve May

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilson & Cllr Fulford & Cllr Bellows (NFDC)

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

The Chairman requested that Members agree a change to the running order of the Agenda to allow Item 5 to be presented before items 3 & 4 – this would allow PCSOs to leave the meeting & return to duty.

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

PCSO Towers introduced PCSO Steve May who will be taking over from her in Fordingbridge following her departure to undertake Police training. PCSO May then reported the following crime during March:

	March 2016
Anti-social Behaviour	3
Violence against the Person Injury	7
Dwelling Burglary	1
Burglary other than Dwelling	0
Damage	1
Theft	6
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Suspicious Incidents	6

PCSO Towers reported that crime rates were low at present and that the team were tackling issues as soon as they arise to prevent escalation.

PCSOs Towers & May left the meeting.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016 and report any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2016 be signed as a true record subject to the following amendment requested by Cllr Sevier:

Minute No. 8 – Replace *Cllr Fulford* with *Cllr Sevier*.

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.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor would circulate his report to Members separately (IT issues prevent report at meeting). This will be attached to the Minutes.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

No report

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier reported that she had attended a meeting at New Forest DC regarding current Planning issues, in particular:

- Policy on Caravans being located in open fields before established business need
- Mobile Home temporary permission at Tinkers Cross Farm due to expire this year
- Footpath 78b – Understand that Hampshire CC will take further action as unresolved within timescale
- No progress on Public Access at Riverside Place (Augustus John Statue)

Cllr Sevier advised members that New Forest DC will consider a new policy regarding caravans when Development Control/Local Plan policies are next reviewed.

Cllr Lewendon enquired if Cllr Sevier had any knowledge of the problem of overgrown hedgerows in the Tinkers Cross/Whitsbury Road area. Cllr Sevier responded that this is not an issue for New Forest DC – previously reported to Hampshire CC as Highways authority, unable to ascertain ownership of land – report to Cllr Heron.

Cllrs Sevier left the meeting

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

- Planning Committee – 9th March 2016 – Received by Cllr Connolly in Cllr Fulford's absence
- Amenities Committee – 16th March 2016 – Received by Cllr Anstey
- General Purposes Committee – 16th March 2016 – Received by Cllr Earth
- Finance & Policy Committee – 30th March 2016 – Received by Cllr Connolly

10. To consider the Action Plan for Hampshire Dementia Action Alliance

Members considered the report prepared by Kathy Downie, Information Officer; the plan requires an Action Plan and undertaking by the Council in order to become Dementia Friendly, the actions are summarised as:

- All Council staff and Members will be trained in dementia awareness & to recognise the signs and how to respond
- Town Council will raise awareness of the Dementia Action Alliance
- Encourage local businesses and organisations to sign up to training
- Ensure appropriate signage is provided at its property or amenities

Following discussion and amendments regarding training and review of signage, Cllr Perkins proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the Action Plan is approved and submitted to the Hampshire Dementia Action Alliance.

11. To report on any Health & Safety issues

The Clerk reported that following advice received during the refurbishment works carried out to the Skatepark last autumn, further works were being investigated. A quote had also been requested for the replacement of the roof on the Green Metal Shelter.

12. A - To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended

Cllr Earth reported attendance at a meeting of the Twinning Association on 10th March and advised that a boules evening would be held at Sandy Balls Park on 9th June 2016.

Cllr Hale reported that the Victoria Rooms Trustees AGM would be held on 22nd April 2016.

Cllr Perkins reported that he had been called out during recent storms as the burglar alarm had been activated at the Groundsman's workshop

Cllr Lewendon reported on attendance at Ibsley Historical Group – there would be no Bygone Days this year however there would be a display at Ibsley on 6th/7th August.

Cllr Connolly – Reported on attendance at a New Forest DC Coastal Path meeting.

12B. To receive any items of correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence received

Fordingbridge Community First Responders – Information given regarding **Call Push Rescue** training scheme. There will be a short presentation regarding the project at the Annual Town Assembly on 20th April 2016 – the Town Hall has also been made available for a community training event.

Cllr Perkins suggested that the new Chief of Police for Hampshire be invited to speak at the Town Assembly but it was considered unlikely due to the short notice.

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

Cllr Anstey updated Members on the status of the request for Floodlights at the Recreation Ground by the Fordingbridge Rugby FC and advised that the Amenities Committee on 16th March 2016 had agreed that permanent floodlights would not be allowed on the recreation ground due to protection of the open nature of the area. Both the Chairman and Cllr Connolly had separately spoken to the Club and consideration was being given to submission of a further request.

14. To note the date of the next meeting - Annual General Council as Wednesday 11th May 2016

The meeting closed at 8.30pm