

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st July 2015 in the Town Hall

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

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards – Town Clerk

Cllr Bellows – New Forest DC

Cllr E Heron – Hampshire CC

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Earth & Cllr Sevier (NFDC)

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest made

3. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 and to report on any matters arising.

Cllr Fulford proposed and it was seconded by Cllr (G) Wilson and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2015 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising - 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 from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported on the following events attended during June:

2nd – Meeting at Burgate School with Finance Officer

6th – Choral Society

7th – Rededication of United Reform Church
Traffic Petition – Hampshire CC, Winchester

16th - Meeting with Inspector Stokes re. Liaison, quarterly meetings– PC Deniz now left Fordingbridge. Police will no longer attend General Council but will provide an update. Liaison meetings to continue on Quarterly basis as Parish Liaison to encompass a wider Agenda Police to attend – 1st meeting 16th July

16th - Allenbrooke Bake Off

22nd - Forres Sandle Manor School re sports Policy

30th - Rotary evening

6. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron reported that difficulties were being experienced with the Fordingbridge Society due to lack of members. Cllr Heron stated that it was important for the Town Council to respond to the *Shaping Hampshire* Spending Review Consultation from Hampshire County Council – reference Finance & Policy minute no. 6 from 24th June 2015 as this does affect the future of the local community. Spending cuts could affect the Traffic Management Survey, with only highly- prioritised accident hot spots being looked at in the future and also other projects such as the lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Heron then reported on the local government Boundary Division Review which seeks to make all divisions the same size with regard to population numbers with no split between parishes or divisions, this would be conducive with government policy. Cllr Heron to copy responses to the Town Council for distribution.

Further changes would be made to Adult Social Care with a need to consider and balance the cost of providing care for the disabled at home against residential care. Cllr Fulford noted that rationale behind the decisions was missing from the document.

7. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Bellows reported that a complaint had been made that smaller side roads were not being swept by the road sweeper – however this would now be included in the schedule. Cllr Bellows also reported that Rosie Wilcox would be leaving The Bridges & Pathways Centre – Rosie would not be replaced but Fordingbridge would share a resource with Ringwood. Cllr Heron stated that the children's centres provide targeted support for the needy in the community and were key for re-shaping Hampshire – wrong users of services could be experience with 30% not being part of the targeted group. Cllr Fulford expressed concern and was not aware that contracts for the children's support centres was time limited.

8. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations to General Council contained therein.

- Planning Committee 10th June 2015 (Cllr Fulford)
- Finance & Policy Committee – 24th June 2015 (Cllr Connolly)

All minutes received – no recommendations to General Council however the Chairman stated that the Play Area Enhancement project must be resolved and moved forward quickly.

9. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey raised concern over the use of the Riverbank area at the Recreation Ground – this area should not be used for camping. However at the recent Whippet Festival event, campers were pitched between the pathway and the river, against the Council's terms and conditions. There is concern that this will damage the bank, put campers in greater danger and also prevent fishermen from accessing the riverbank. The recent event also resulted in a vehicle used by a fisherman being driven to this area. It is the responsibility of event organisers to ensure that all conditions of hire are adhered to. A review of the Terms & Conditions & booking form for camping and events at the Recreation Ground is required.

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

Cllr Fulford

Burgate Community Partnership – Roles and responsibilities of the Committee members

School Committee – Provide information on community events and manage events and marketing

Jamie Burton (NFDC) - Sports & Employment
Deputy Head – Financial Responsibility
Cllr R Bellows - Link with NFDC

School Committee currently looking at the following issues:

- Survey for parents & others – to gain information about needs and requirements of the Community, this will include Pavilion at the Recreation Ground and Burgate School Changing Facilities

- Enhancing the Drama Studio – Projection
- WI Centenary Project

The School is an Academy with grants direct from Central Government not Hampshire CC and must raise own funds for projects. Ofsted regulated.

Cllr (G) Wilson

11th – Twinning Association Boules evening at Sandy Balls

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16th - Christmas Meeting

17th – Meeting with Turks FC re events at Recreation Ground

22nd – Whippets – Doreen Hopkins

Cllr Connolly

16th – Christmas Meeting – Captain Diamond – Smuggling Theme event to be held on 4th December

To note any items of Correspondence

The clerk reported on a crime update received from Inspector Stokes

Sustrans feasibility study on behalf of Wiltshire CC to link Salisbury to the New Forest.

Members agreed that Wiltshire CC worked well in partnership with Sustrans.

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

Cllr Connolly - Neighbourhood Plan – need to move forward

Cllr Paton – reported lost necklace at the Recreation Ground

12. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 5th August 2015

The meeting closed at 8.40pm