

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 8.10pm on Wednesday 20th September 2017 in the Town Hall

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

Present:

Cllr Anstey – Chairman
Cllrs Price, Lewendon and Paton

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Cllrs Hale, Adams & Wilson
Melanie Gill, Turks FC

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Perkins, Fulford and Connolly

2. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 19th July 2017 & 30th August 2017 and report on any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Price and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

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Matters Arising.

- There were no matters arising

4. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

No matters raised.

5. To Report on Matters relating to the Recreation Ground

- a. Pitch Maintenance – the chairman advised that a 2nd Verti-drain had been completed on all pitches and that a Feed and Weed treatment was scheduled for Mid-October
- b. ROSPA Report – The Clerk confirmed that a list had been made of all required actions following receipt of the reports and this has been discussed with the groundsman.
- c. Play Equipment – the Chair advised that the Playhouse had been removed following concerns over safety. Quotes would be sought for replacement together with maintenance of other items

- d. Storage – see next Agenda item

6. To consider the following requests from the Turks FC

- a. Storage of Dug Outs – The Chair advised of the request to store football dug outs and consideration of two potential sites within the recreation ground – following a meeting between the Clerk & a representative from the Turks FC it was agreed that the most suitable position would be behind the Pavilion on the existing hardstanding. Equipment to be covered with tarpaulin and secured by padlock.
Cllr Adams raised a query from the public gallery over whether this would block the pavilion windows – Chair confirmed that the equipment would be at a lower level.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Price and therefore **RESOLVED** to offer an area at the rear of the Pavilion to the Turks FC for storage of the dug outs. All in favour

- b. Provision of new Sign – a request had also been received from the Turks FC for the provision of a new sign to replace the existing sign under the oak tree on the roadside boundary – this would measure 2.1m x 1.2m (twice as wide as existing sign) the existing posts would be used to support the sign.

The Chair advised that consideration should be given to the positioning of the sign to reduce hampering the ability to carry out grounds maintenance (grass cutting & hedge cutting). A Planning application for Advertisement Consent would be required.

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore **RESOLVED**: to agree to the request from the Turks FC for a new sign – Turks to prepare planning application and Town Council to submit.

All in favour.

7. To consider quote for refurbishment of the War Memorial

Members considered the quote received from Stone's (Ian Newman) for the cleaning and re-painting of the War memorial in the sum of

£856.00 + VAT Cleaning of stonework
£1362.90 + VAT Re-painting of names

Cllr Price proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: to accept the quotations in the sum of £2218.90 + VAT for the cleaning and re-painting of the War Memorial. All in favour

As the painting would be best carried out in the Spring it was agreed to wait until then for the cleaning works to be carried out immediately prior to this.

The Clerk advised that further works will be required to the brickwork on the flower borders.

8. To report on any matters concerning Open Spaces

The Chair reported that as with the Recreation Ground, the ROSPA report actions had been discussed with the Groundsman and issues itemised for action.

9. To report on any Tree Works

The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from a resident of a fallen tree adjacent to Sweatsford Water and raising concerns over potential flooding as the tree could cause a damning effect– this is in an area for which NFDC have responsibility and has therefore been passed to both the Tree Officer and Grounds Maintenance Team.

The Clerk advised that following a meeting with the NFDC Tree Officer, Bernice McGrail, advice was given regarding the costs involved with recommended tree works.

Cllr Price advised that there are continuing issues with overhanging trees a Beechwood – Clerk to investigate.

10. To note any items of Correspondence

Nothing to report.

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

The Clerk requested information regarding the Council's logo and difficulty is being experienced in producing new signs as a digital image is not available at a sufficient resolution – Members unable to offer any advice.

The Clerk also advised that the next meeting would include budget setting and members should come prepared with items for inclusion.

Cllr Paton suggested that a Disabled swing should be provided at the recreation ground plus additional bins at The Rec and at Parsonage Park.

12. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15th November 2017

The meeting closed at 8.41pm