

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 7.35pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Town Hall** (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

#### **Present:**

Cllr Earth – Chairman  
Cllrs Connolly, Adams, Wilson & Hale

#### **In Attendance:**

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk  
Mrs M Coatham, Finance Officer (RFO)  
Ruth Croker, Footpath Officer  
Cllrs Price, Fulford

Melanie Gill, Turks FC

#### **1. To elect a Chairman**

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Adams and therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Earth is elected as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. All in favour.

#### **2. To elect a Vice Chairman**

Cllr Earth proposed it was seconded by Cllr Adams and therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Wilson is elected as Vice Chairman of General Purposes Committee. All in favour.

#### **3. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anstey & Bailey

#### **4. To receive Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

#### **5. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and report on any matters arising**

Cllr Hale proposed and Cllr Adams seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

There were no Matters Arising.

#### **6. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public**

No items raised.

#### **7. To report on matters concerning St Mary's Closed churchyard and Stuckton Road Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

**8. a) To report on any matters relating to the Town Hall**

- Pest Control – the Clerk reported that following a complaint regarding pigeons, the Environmental Health Officer had recently visited – report and written advice awaited for protection measures required to be provided to the Town Hall.
- Clock Tower & Roof – the Clerk advised that she had spoken with the Principal Designer (Sheerin Bettle Architecture) and awaited a written report of his findings regarding water penetration through the clock tower.

**9. a) To report on any matters relating to the Information Office**

The Clerk reported that problems had recently been experienced with the lock at the Information Office (Clerk to investigate replacement) and that the garage was found to be padlocked (museum store) – Cllr Connolly undertook to speak with the Museum.

**8. b) To report on any matter relating to Footpaths**

Ruth Croker, the Footpath Officer reported that there were no specific issues at present, however seasonal growth had been accelerated this year due to weather conditions – Lengthsman to be asked to cut back vegetation where identified.

(AVP) Map board, St Mary's Churchyard – Design being considered. Members suggested that the Photographic Club be approached for suitable photos. Members agreed that the original design was not encouraging and that the OS Map was unnecessary and should be removed. Cllr Fulford (Public gallery) could provide photos of the Church and would liaise with Ruth.

Cllr Fulford also advised that vegetation was particularly bad on the path from St Mary's to Midgham – Cllr Fulford to walk with Footpath Officer and report back.

*Cllr Lewendon entered the meeting during this item and sat in the public gallery*

**9. b) To report on any matters concerning Highways**

Cllr Price speaking from the public gallery reported that a complaint had been made to him regarding the lack of dropped kerbs between Waverley Road and Burgate – Clerk to raise with Hampshire CC.

**10. To report on any matters concerning the Allotments**

The RFO reported on an Allotment Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 summarising the following items:

- Portable Toilet provision – this takes most of the annual income, however it was agreed that the service was required.
- Tenancy Agreements – 14 Tenants do not hold Tenancy Agreements – the current terms make it difficult to end tenancies (legal notice period requirements)
- Currently 11 on waiting list
- Newsletter to be sent & tenants to be contacted re. unworked plots
- Groundsman to replace missing number boards
- Agreed to consider replacing cups with garden vouchers (Annual Competition) but would seek feedback from tenants

- Noticeboard to be supplied for tenants use – groundsman to make & erect

*Cllr Perkins entered the meeting during this item and sat in the public gallery*

**11. To receive any items of correspondence**

No items of correspondence received

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

Cllr Price speaking from the public gallery raised concern regarding overhanging trees on the path between Beechwood and Station Road – Clerk to ascertain ownership/responsibility.

**13. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm