

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 8.35pm on Wednesday
15th November 2017 in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr Anstey – chairman
Clls Fulford, Lewendon, Price, Paton, Perkins & Connolly

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs R Edwards, Assistant Town Clerk
Mrs M Coatham, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
Cllr Adams

1. To receive any apologies for absence

No apologies were received

2. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2017 and report on any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour

Matters Arising

Minute no. 5 – Pitch Maintenance – the Chairman reported that a round-robin message had been received regarding a service to provide pitch maintenance (to Parish & Town Councils) however Fordingbridge has already committed to a contract with Ringwood TC – a weed and feed has recently been carried out.

Minute No.6 – Turks Storage – Dugouts now stored at rear of Pavilion.

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

No matters raised.

5. To report on matters relating to the Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported on the following items:

- Prices to be obtained for the replacement of the Playhouse (one quote already received for a wooden structure, quote to be obtained for recycled plastic)
- The Rugby Club have confirmed their wish to proceed with the conversion and lease of the old toilet block
- Complaints have been received about the presence of rats and rubbish at the Recreation Ground, particularly along the river bank. The willows along the

river bank also need to be pruned as the weight of the branches is pulling the trees over.

Members raised concern over the potential health hazard with rats present (Weil's disease). Although it is difficult to eliminate rodents from areas adjacent to the River, Members agreed the following actions:

- Remind fisherman to clear up rubbish/take unused bait away
 - Groundsman to ensure area kept clear of rubbish & remove litter before mowing
 - Clerk to contact NFDC Pest Control regarding health concerns & vermin control
 - Annual tree survey due – Clerk to speak with Tree Officer
- Play equipment – repairs required following ROSPA reports to be actioned

6. To consider quote for refurbishment of the War Memorial

A written quote is awaited for the refurbishment/repair of the gates – a verbal quote indicates a maximum cost of £500. The Chairman also advised members that it was intended to obtain quotes for the replacement of the paths within the Memorial Garden and the provision of new roses. Concern was raised over whether this can be considered a priority at a time of funding shortage and spending on other urgent items.

7. To report on any matters concerning Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

8. To report on any Tree Works

Nothing further (willows on banks)

9. To discuss budget proposals for 2018/19 financial year and make a recommendation to the Finance & Policy Committee meeting on the 29th November 2017

Members discussed the draft budget prepared by the RFO.

Cllr Perkins proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED:** to recommend to the Finance & Policy Committee to accept the budget proposal prepared by the Finance Officer. 5 in favour, 1 against.

Cllr Adams, speaking from the public gallery, considered that sub-committee recommendations to Finance & Policy Committee are "wish-lists" for the forthcoming year and could be rejected or amended.

10. To note any items of correspondence

No correspondence to report.

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

12. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 17th January 2018

The meeting closed at 9.30pm