

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 7.36pm on Wednesday 15th November 2017 in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

Present: Cllr Earth – chairman
Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Connolly, Wilson, Hale

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs R Edwards, Assistant Town Clerk
Cllrs Price, Fulford, Paton & Perkins

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr White

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

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

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

Matters Arising – no matters raised

4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

No Matters Raised

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

No matters to report

6. To receive the reports by Sheerin Bettle and Harvey & Snowdon regarding repairs to the Town Hall

The Town Clerk reported that the outcome of an inspection by the Conservation Officer is awaited from Sheerin Bettle.

7. To approve revised quote for Memorial Bungalow Windows

The Finance Officer advised Members that a revised quote had been sought from Matt Bright as the original quote was 2 years old – the price has increased by £768.00 to £5888.69 (this is still lower than the next lowest of the original quotes)

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Adams and therefore **RESOLVED:** to accept the revised quote from M Bright in the sum of £5888.69 for the Memorial Bungalow windows. All in favour.

8. To report on any matters relating to the Information Office

- Consider the purchase of new office equipment

Members discussed the request from the Information Officer to purchase new notice boards and leaflet display stand.

Cllr Adams proposed and Cllr Hale seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED**: to purchase 2 new notice boards and a display stand for the Information Office. All in favour.

Cllr Lewendon joined the meeting during this item and sat in the public gallery.

9. To report on any matter relating to Footpaths

In the absence of the Footpath Officer, Cllr Fulford spoke from the Public Gallery and advised members of the following:

- Section of Avon Valley Path (AVP) from the Sewage Works to Midgham in bad condition, particularly the boardwalk. The handrails on some stiles are just barbed wire – HCC/Landowner responsibility

Action: Town Clerk to contact Footpaths Officer and Countryside Access Team (HCC)

It was suggested that a grant could be sought under the Small Grants Scheme – Access for All.

10. To report on any matters concerning Highways

No response received regarding Traffic Management Scheme submissions.

11. To report on any matters concerning the Allotments

The Clerk reported that the groundsman is encountering problems with access to mow the paths at the allotments due to the amount of rubbish being dumped on the bank and particularly at the base of the bank. This is considered to be fly-tipping and tenants should be reminded not to do this.

Members discussed whether to provide a skip at the beginning of the year for a short period (1 day) in order that rubbish could be placed in there by allotment tenants. Members asked if this could be discussed by the Allotment Committee.

12. To receive a report from the Allotment Committee meeting on 7th November 2017

The Chairman reported that a regular newsletter would be sent to allotment holders - Members requested that a copy is distributed (to Members).

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

Following discussion Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Wilson and **RESOLVED**: to recommend to the Finance & Policy Committee on the 29th November 2017 to accept the budget proposal prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO). All in favour

14. To receive any items of correspondence

No correspondence to report

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

The RFO reported that an additional float of £150 (£5s) would be provided to the Information Office during the parking clock sales period.

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

The meeting closed at 8.30pm