

**FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Town Hall**

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

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs R Edwards, Assistant Town Clerk  
Cllrs Adams, Earth & Wilson  
A member of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society

**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 15<sup>th</sup> November 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Cllr Perkins entered the room.

**Matters Arising**

**Minute no. 3** – Broken glass had been found behind the changing rooms.

**Minute no. 5**

- A reminder to fishermen to clear up their rubbish and take unused bait away will be added to the new fishing signs
- The Clerk reported the vermin to NFDC and is awaiting a further response.
- The Clerk is preparing the maps for the annual tree survey

**Minute No.6** – The Clerk still hasn't received a written quote for the refurbishment / repair of the memorial gates but is continuing to chase.

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

No matters raised.

**5. To report on matters relating to the Recreation Ground**

**Pavilion**

The Turks had to delay their proposed works to the ground floor changing room and don't yet have alternative dates. The Clerk will continue to work towards obtaining a

report on the structural integrity of the pavilion. The upstairs showers previously used by officials and visitors have now been out of use for over six months due to leaks. The Chairman proposed using current budgeted maintenance money to mend these showers. This was discussed with various suggestions made – installing a power shower, hiring temporary showers, having the structural survey done before taking a decision on the showers.

### **Fordingbridge Festival**

A meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 with the aim of forming an events committee to run the Fordingbridge Festival. The Chairman mentioned the potential for damage to the pitches if heavy horses were involved and also to Brownsey's land if this were used as a car park.

### **Pitch Maintenance**

The pitches are currently in very good condition. Out of season friendly games need to be limited as the grass needs time to recover. The Chairman proposed a formal closed season and will discuss dates with the Clerk. Cllr Perkins asked if a closed season would also exclude training sessions. The Chairman advised that training can still happen without the goal mouths being used.

### **6. To report on any matters concerning Open Spaces**

The Conservation group met to discuss Bishops Pond. Cllr Hale will report on this meeting to General Council on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **7. To report on any Tree Works**

Nothing to report.

### **8. To note any items of correspondence**

No correspondence to report.

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

### **10. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

**The meeting closed at 7.47pm**