

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at 7.50pm on Wednesday 17th January 2018 in the Town Hall **(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)**

Present: Cllr Earth (Chair)
Cllrs Adams, Connolly, Wilson, Hale, Anstey & White

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards (Town Clerk)
Cllrs Price & Paton (Public Gallery)
Ruth Croker (Footpath Officer)

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies were received

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2017 and report on any matters arising

Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Hale seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising - None

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

There were no matters to report at either St Mary's Closed Churchyard or Stuckton Road Cemetery.

6. To report on any matters relating to the Town Hall

The Clerk reported that a quote was awaited from Matt Bright regarding the works required to the Clock Tower and Council Chamber.

Cllr White entered the meeting during this item

Cllr Hale provided an update on the accommodation project and a fee proposal submitted by Sheerin Bettle Architecture for advice regarding alterations to the stairs and entrance to the Town Hall.

Following discussion, members agreed that as it was unclear if accommodation was within the remit of this sub-committee and that a wider scope of works should be considered, the matter should be referred to all members.

Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Wilson and therefore **RESOLVED**: to refer the fee proposal submitted by Sheerin Bettle Architecture to the Finance & Policy Committee on 31st January 2018.

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

Nothing to report.

8. To report on any matter relating to Footpaths

Following a brief discussion regarding the priority cutting list proposed by Hampshire County Council (HCC), Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED**: to accept the cutting list for 2018-19 as proposed by HCC.

Cllr Wilson advised that a sign had been placed in Falconwood Close which suggests that the pedestrian path to the old railway line is private and for residents only. Town Clerk to contact NFDC.

9. To report on any matters concerning Highways

The Clerk reminded members of the forthcoming road closures of High Street and part of Salisbury Street.

10. To report on any matters concerning the Allotments

Cllr Earth reported on the Allotment Committee meeting held on 16th January 2018 – members noted the following items:

- All plots have been numbered (markers)
- A community BBQ is planned for 7th May to be held on the new community space at the allotments
- Inspections of allotments would be carried out on 10th April
- 2nd newsletter end February
- Committee members are looking into purchase of a chemical toilet
- Advertising plants for sale – providing not commercial
- Committee member has offered to repair gate – approximate cost under £20
- Permission obtained to place noticeboard on end of garages
- Fly-tipping on bank – tenants to be reminded not to fly tip
- Table top sale not going ahead this year
- Next meeting 24/04/18

11. To receive any items of correspondence

There were no items of correspondence

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

The Clerk reported that the Turks FC had enquired about hiring the Town Hall for a fundraising event and whether they may be given a discount on the hire charge. Members agreed that as most hirers of the hall are charities who hold events to fundraise, it would be unfair to make an exception in this case.

13. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21st March 2018

The meeting closed at 8.55pm