

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the General Council on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

**Present:** Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Earth, Hale, Lewendon, Price, Paton, White, Fulford & Perkins

**In Attendance:** Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk  
Cllr Heron, HCC  
Cllrs Sevier, NFDC  
Katy Griffin (Forest Journal)

**1. To receive any apologies for attendance**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilson, & Cllr Matcham (NFDC)

**2. To receive any declarations of interest**

No declarations made.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and to report on any matters arising**

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 12 - Cllr Perkins reported on the meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the River and advised that an email response had been received.

**Action – clerk to forward EA email to members**

Minute No. 12 – Bishops Pond - The Chairman advised that following correspondence with the owner of the adjoining property the fence had been moved and the matter resolved.

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

Nothing raised

**5. To receive a report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act**

The clerk read out the following crime report for March

	<b>March</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	4
Violence against person	11
Dwelling Burglary	0
Other Burglary	3
Damage	3
Theft	3
Theft from Vehicles	0
Suspicious Incidents	8

Cllr Lewendon reported that young people were entering the development site at Whitsbury Road. **Action: Clerk to report to Police.**

## **6. To receive a report from the Mayor**

The Mayor reported the following duties undertaken during the month:

16<sup>th</sup> March - 93 Club Anniversary event

21<sup>st</sup> March – U3A talk on India

28<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bonnet Judging fundraiser for Carers Group

29<sup>th</sup> March - HALC GDPR training session at Ellingham

## **7. To receive a report from the County Councillor**

Cllr Heron spoke about highway maintenance and in particular, potholes. It is acknowledged that while it is unrealistic to expect or achieve “right 1<sup>st</sup> time” permanent repairs, there are too many temporary repairs which required further repairs to be made. Cllr Heron urged the Council and public to continue reporting any potholes either online on HantsWeb or by telephone 0300 5551388; Cllr Perkins commented that calls were answered quickly when using this service.

## **8. To receive a report from District Councillors**

Cllr Sevier reported that the long awaited Development Plan had been reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate who had requested that more work is completed (by NFDC) before the next public consultation which was due to start in June.

Cllr Paton raised concern over the time taken to issue parking permits.

*Cllr Heron & Cllr Sevier left the meeting.*

## **9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations to General Council contained therein.**

- Planning Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – the Clerk apologised as these had not been distributed at the meeting
- General Purposes Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – received Cllr Earth
- Amenities Committee - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – received Cllr Anstey
- Finance and Policy Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – received Cllr Connolly

## **10. To report on any Health & Safety issues**

Following the initial discussion at the Finance & Policy meeting, members were asked to pass any comments regarding the draft Health & Safety Policy Statement prepared by Ellis Whittam, to the Clerk by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Cllr Connolly commented that potholes in the roads were a health & safety issue and the Clerk advised that a lifebuoy had again gone missing at the Recreation Ground but an order had been placed for replacement.

## **11. To consider appointing a Tree Warden**

The Chairman advised that following receipt of an email from Nik Gruber, Tree Officer NPA, parishes were being asked to consider appointing a Tree Warden. The chairman considered that this was a responsible role to undertake and asked the Clerk to forward the email to members for future consideration at General Council.

**Action: Clerk to send Tree Warden email to members.**

## **12. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended**

Cllr Hale - 15/03/18 Victoria Rooms – attended meeting. AGM to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00pm. The trust had broken even during the financial year.

Cllr Perkins reported on the meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the River in the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that fallen trees on the Town side of the river needed to be removed (private ownership). However the vegetation from the island was not stopping the flow of the River and did not require immediate action.

Cllr Anstey 14/03/18 – Ellis Whittam Health & Safety visit

21/03/18 – HALC Conference

25/03/18 – Festival meeting

04/04/18 – Turks event meeting

04/04/18 - Meeting at recreation ground regarding pump shed (to be removed) and electric supply to Old Toilet Block needs to be moved.

Cllr White – Attendance at Festival meetings – event plan being prepared.

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

- Correspondence with local resident & NFDC regarding charges for season parking tickets (too high) Cllr Perkins considered that 30 mins free parking should be available. Clerk to check if Town Council will be consulted over revised car parking or advised of what's happening. Cllr Price felt that the current design of the car park slows the traffic down.
- UK Cycling Events advising on forthcoming event through town centre on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Wimborne Orienteering Club – evening event to be held in town centre on 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

Cllr Fulford advised members that a Neighbourhood Plan should be considered and the Council needed to get areas designated. The chairman advised that following his attendance at NFALC meetings regarding neighbourhood planning, a planning consultant was required which would require funding.

The clerk advised on attendance at a visioning session during the recent HALC conference and that HALC would facilitate sessions at individual councils to help with preparation of strategic plans. **Action: Clerk to seek further details.**

### **15. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 which is the Annual Council Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.36pm