

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 8.45pm on Wednesday 19th
September 2018 in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr Anstey – chairman
Cllrs Hale, Lewendon, Paton, Perkins and White

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
Mrs M. Coatham, Finance Officer
Cllr Adams (Public gallery)

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mouland.

2. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018 and report on any matters arising

The date of the next meeting was incorrect – should say 19th September instead of 19th August.

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 5 - Memorial Gardens

- The Magnolia tree which was previously thought to have died, is now shooting from the roots.
- The Carer Group visited the Memorial Gardens and will give feedback at the next meeting

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

No matters raised.

Agenda item number 6 was moved forward by agreement.

6. Replacement Skate park project - Skate Park Funding

There is a shortfall in the funding of the Skate park project. The RFO advised members that she needs their permission to apply for a community grant from New Forest District Council.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED:** to approve applying for the community grant. All in favour.

5. To report on matters relating to the Recreation Ground

- **Kiosk Drainage** – Investigative works have shown that the drainage levels are acceptable from the kiosk to the hedge, however, there are concerns surrounding the bends in the pipe as the pipe is at an angle of 45 degrees to go under the hedge. The drainage wasn't built as it was designed and approved in the plans. This will cost between £15k - £18k to put right. The gathered evidence will be passed to the architect who was employed to supervise the construction of the kiosk toilets.

Cllr Pete White entered the room.

Pete Sullivan from Sparkle Clean, will clean the toilets on 20th September. The toilets will be out of action until he has finished the first one.

- **Replacement play equipment**

A report was given to members for their consideration. The Playhouse Kyri was chosen as the favourite.

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the full cost of buying and installing Playhouse Kyri would be investigated. All in favour.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED**: that Financial Regulations would be suspended as impossible to get direct comparison with different play equipment. All in favour.

Cllr Paton asked that the cost of a disabled swing is also investigated.

- **To consider request for exclusive fishing day**

The Asst Town Clerk presented a request on behalf of Fly Fishers International for permission for the FFI to hold a fly casting instructor's assessment day within the Recreation Ground and the River Avon in October 2019.

The proposal for a one-day event on a Friday during term time was discussed by members. They recommended that local schools' Teacher Development / INSET days should be avoided as children may be in the Recreation Ground then. They also requested that barriers be put up by the river to discourage anyone from paddling in the river while the assessments were taking place.

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that this request be approved. All in favour.

- **Other matters relation to the Recreation Ground**

- The wood on the side of the sandpit is rotten and needs replacing.
- Hedges around the edge of the Recreation Ground need cutting.
- John Williams (Rugby Club) will look at the Sports Pavillion and report back regarding refurbishment of the building.

***Action:** Clerk to arrange for sandpit to be repaired and Recreation Ground hedges to be cut.*

7. To report on any matters concerning Open Spaces

- Nothing to report

8. Annual Tree Survey

The Town Clerk has spoken to the Tree Officer who says that the tree survey needs to be done as soon as possible. Fordingbridge Town Council has been asked to plot all their trees on Parish Maps, however this is a huge piece of work and there is concern that there aren't sufficient staff hours available.

There is a Willow tree with a branch broken down and hanging in the river which needs sorting out. The Willow branches have been recently pruned.

***Action:** Clerk to arrange for tree branch to be cut down.*

9. To note any items of correspondence

- i. Riverside Place – email received saying there is a new sign on the gate saying 'Private Property'. This email has been forwarded to NFDC to resolve.

- ii. An email was received from Jamie Burton (NFDC) to thank Fordingbridge Town Council for their support with the Activity Roadshow over the summer.

On another point I wanted to thank the town council for their support with the Lets Be Active Pop up activity roadshow this year. It has been a great success with over 230 people attending the Fordingbridge site over the 4 days. These were local residents who were able to access free fun activity that they took part in as a family, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The feed back from the team was very positive about the use of the site and the engagement and I particularly wanted to note "Thanks" to Derek for his help, support and positive attitude towards the team. Everything that I have heard has been extremely positive so please pass on our thanks.

- iii. HCC Flood Officer letter – Maintenance of water courses next to the Recreation Ground. Fordingbridge Town Council are the Riparian Owners of the culvert next to the Recreation Ground.

Action: Clerk to arrange for silt to be cleared from culvert.

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

Nothing further to report.

11. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21st November 2018

The meeting closed at 9.39pm.