

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at
7.30pm in the Town Hall**

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

Present: Cllr Anstey – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Lewendon, Mouland, Paton, White, and Perkins

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Cllr Heron, Hampshire CC
Cllrs Sevier & Matcham, New Forest DC
PCSO May
Katy Griffin, Salisbury Journal
2 Members of the Public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Connolly & Fulford.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 and to report on any matters arising.

Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th September 2018 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Cllr Perkins entered the meeting.

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

A Member of the public, who has previously sent in correspondence by email, spoke regarding concerns over school children crossing Whitsbury Road; there is no longer a crossing patrol or any form of crossing point; vehicles speed along this stretch of road and the new development being carried out to the east of Whitsbury Road brings heavy construction vehicles to the area.

Cllr Sevier advised that a crossing would be asked for when other development to the west of the road comes forward (already requested by both District Councillors). Cllr Sevier also reported that the Junior School were actively looking into this.

Cllr Heron advised that despite previous advertising and recruitment attempts, the post remains vacant (still funded). He suggested that the post could be filled temporarily by volunteer parents and training would be provided.

The planning agreement for the current development did not seek provision of a crossing but did provide for a school drop off zone on the new estate to ease traffic/parking congestion outside of the schools. The question of tackling why parents choose to drive rather than walk was also raised.

A member of the public queried whether speed cameras could be employed but it was thought that it would not be possible to amend the traffic regulations to reduce the speed

limit at the present time. Cllr Heron stated that he would be happy to meet with a representative from the school.

The Chairman brought forward Agenda item 6 to allow the Clerk to prepare documentation relating to item 5.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

10th. Skatepark meeting.

13th. Summer festival (wash up) meeting. Committee were informed that the use of the arena (located over the football pitch) for use with horses and carts, could not be guaranteed by the council. The concern being the cost of any repair to pitch to make it suitable & safe to play football on.

16th. RAF 100. Church service at St Mary's church.

26th. Meeting (engagement) with St John's Farm development representatives.

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

PCSO May explained the new reporting system (displayed for the meeting) which gives details of recordable crimes within the past 90 days plus a comparison with the preceding 90 days – see Appendix A for report. Members acknowledged that this method of reporting was more meaningful.

Cllr Lewendon reported that he had found a bicycle abandoned and asked if the police could match it to any reported stolen. Cllr Perkins enquired of the whereabouts of the cameras previously funded by the Council (used for covert surveillance). PCSO May to find out.

PCSO May left the meeting.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron confirmed that he had sent the slide presentation from the HCC Town & Parish Council event. The project is to look at responsibilities and how local councils could co-ordinate or undertake some services. Cllr Heron advised that it is important for Town and Parish Councils to understand the powers that they hold and that training is available through HALC.

In his role as a District Councillor, Cllr Heron reported on parking enforcement within the town – 98 visits were made by enforcement officers during September (95 of which included on-street patrols), 139 observations were undertaken which resulted in 69 penalty charges being issued.

Members enquired what proportion of charges were issued on-street – figures not available and more difficult to catch offenders. Cllr Heron advised that actions that the Town Council could take will be included in the report.

The Clerk enquired if the project regarding services is linked to the Customer Services meetings currently being held – Cllr Heron responded that these were slightly different.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Matcham reported that Universal Credit had now been rolled out – these involved a steep learning curve for both users and administrators. Cllr Matcham also reported that following a successful planning application, Sandy Balls Holiday Park was no longer taking touring caravans, this raised concern over the impact (potential illegal camping). Cllr

Matcham also advised that Cllr Sevier had been elected to the role of District Council representative on the NPA Consultative Panel.

Cllr Sevier spoke of the consultation on the car park and asked that members of the public are encouraged to submit responses.

Cllr Perkins suggested that 30 mins free parking should be available – Cllr Heron responded that this would cost in the region of £200,000 per annum in lost revenue but that perhaps the Town Council would be willing to fund this. It was also confirmed that the final decision on whether to close the Roundhills entrance had yet to be made.

Member of the public left plus Cllrs Heron, Sevier and Matcham.

Cllr Perkins left the meeting for a short period at this time.

9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:

- Planning Committee – 12th September 2018 – received Cllr Hale
- Amenities Committee 19th September 2018 – received Cllr Anstey
- General Purposes Committee 19th September 2018 – received Cllr Earth
- Finance & Policy Committee – 26th September 2018 – received Cllr Anstey

10. To consider Planning Applications

The Clerk reported on the following Planning Applications for prior approval (this type of application does not allow for extension of time for response and consultation period ends prior to next scheduled planning committee meeting).

18/11235	Barn At Midgham Farm, Midgham Road, Fordingbridge SP6 3BY	Mr Witt
Use as 5 dwellings (Prior Approval Application)		

18/11236	Barn At Old Saw Mill, Midgham Farm, Midgham Road, Fordingbridge SP6 3BY	Ms Sykes
Use as 4 dwellings (Prior Approval)		

Members noted the details of the applications however agreed not to submit any comments.

There was a brief discussion regarding the procedure for dealing with planning applications and members agreed in the absence of the chair of planning that the historical way of dealing with applications should continue until further discussion; individual members to present cases.

11. To receive an update on the Town Hall

The Clerk advised that an email update had been received from Sheerin Bettle that day advising that following a further site survey a schedule of works was being prepared. The schedule would be discussed with the Conservation Officer prior to submission of Listed Building and Building Regulation applications. At the same time tender documents would be prepared.

12. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Nothing to report.

13. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended

Cllr Earth reported:

Twinning Association - successful afternoon tea held at Bridges Café. The Autumn Jazz Evening would be held at the Town Hall on 27th October and tickets were still available.

Allotments Committee – AGM to be held on Wednesday 17th October in the Town Hall. There are currently only 2 names on the waiting list. Cllr Earth queried the replacement of the fence – **TC to chase contractor.**

Cllr Hale reported on attendance at the FCAVG meeting on the 11th September but concluded there were no items to report to Council.

Cllr White reported on the Events Group Summer Festival Wash Up and Christmas meetings and advised that members of the group's committee wished to meet with the Town Council.

14. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence.

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

The Clerk reported that a further request had been received from Rotary regarding volunteers to marshal the road closure for the Remembrance Parade. Cllrs Hale, Earth, Perkins and Paton volunteered to help (+ Town Clerk & Assistant)

Cllr Wilson queried provision of a permanent memorial in the Memorial Gardens to commemorate the end of WW1 - a suggestion of a stone with an inscription or plaque was made – **TC to discuss with Ian Newman.**

Cllr Hale remarked that the Councils response to the car park consultation should be reinforced.

16. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 7th November 2018

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN SEPTEMBER 2018 BEAT REPORT

Appendix A

Recordable crimes	July 5 th – Oct 3 rd	April 6 th - July 5 th	Difference	
1b Violence with Injury	10	9	+1	
1c Violence without Injury	14	10	+4	
2a Rape	1	1	0	
2b Other Sexual Offences	1		+1	
4a1 Burglary Residential	9	6	+3	
4a2 Burglary Business and Community	3	4	-1	
4b Vehicle Offences	1	8	-7	
4d Bicycle Theft	1	2	-1	
4e Shoplifting	2	4	-2	
4f All Other Theft Offences	11	13	-2	
5a Criminal Damage	6	12	-6	
6b Possession of Drugs	2	1	+1	
8 Public Order Offences	5	6	-1	
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	2	3	-1	
Sum:	68	79	-11	-13.92%

54 recorded occurrences with 21 of those be recordable crimes

4 reports of ASB

10 suspicious incidents

0 residential burglaries (including sheds/outbuildings)

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