

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 in the Town Hall**

**(Minutes draft until approved at the next meeting of the Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Anstey – chairman  
Cllrs Hale, Paton, Lewendon, Moulard, & Perkins (Cllr White from item 4)

**In Attendance:** Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk  
Mrs M Coatham, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)  
Cllrs Earth, Adams Fulford & Wilson (Public Gallery)  
3 Members of Public

#### **1. To receive any apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

#### **2. To received any declarations of interest.**

No declarations were made.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and report any matters arising**

The Clerk advised that the previously distributed draft minutes had been superseded due to an inaccuracy in item 5.

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be signed as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising**

Minute No. 6 – RFO advised that the Council had been invited to NFDC on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November to present the Councils bid for grant funding for the replacement Skatepark.

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

A member of the public spoke regarding the provision of pollinator-friendly flowers and asked the members to consider the planting in the summer planters, on open spaces and verges within the parish. The member of public agreed to work with the Council's supplier regarding suitable plants. Other areas included the Recreation Ground and the entrance to Parsonage Park – Cllr Wilson, speaking from the public gallery, had researched costs with another local Council and ascertained that a £250 spend would provide planting over a large area.

Another member of the public, inquired about a matter that had previously been raised through the General Purposes and Planning Committees regarding planters positioned in Church Street. The Clerk advised that there was nothing further to report following the response to the member of public's freedom of Information request. The member of public then advised members that he believed that acts of vandalism had occurred following the previous discussion at committee. The Clerk undertook to write to the head of Development Control.

*Cllr White joined the meeting during this item.*

#### **5. Matters relating to the Recreation Ground**

- Quote for replacement playhouse

The Clerk handed members details received from HAGS Play including a quote for the replacement playhouse and provision of a swing for disabled users.

The quote for the provision of the playhouse is within the agreed budget however with the additional costs for removal of existing surfacing, installation of the equipment & new surfacing, the costs were more than double. Town Clerk to check recommendations for safety surface.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore **RESOLVED:** to accept the quote from HAGS in the sum of £420.00 for the supply and fit of a disabled swing seat.

- Signage – animal cruelty

The Chairman read out correspondence received requesting that signage is provided at the Recreation Ground regarding cruelty to animals following incidents of stone throwing at animals. Following discussion members agreed that signs should not be provided at present however education as a preventative measure should be undertaken using social media, website and a request to schools.

- Princess Diana Memorial flowerbed

Speaking from the public gallery, Cllr Wilson reported that several of the rose bushes planted in this bed had died and it is believed that plastic (cellophane) waste is buried in the bed. Members agreed that the groundsman should dig out the soil and waste and replace with new top soil and plants.

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

Cllr Paton reported that NFDC were preparing to replace the boardwalks at Sweatsford Water Meadows.

Cllr White advised that vehicle(s) had driven over the grassed area at the top of Allenwater Drive – Cllr Wilson confirmed that this was to enable a delivery to a local resident.

Cllr Perkins reported that contractors/delivery vehicles had been driven onto the verge at Whitsbury Road – Cllr Lewendon confirmed that that area was very muddy and would contact Development Control/Highways.

## **7. To discuss budget proposals for 2019/20 financial year and make a recommendation to Finance & Policy Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Members discussed the draft budget prepared by the RFO following consultation with the Chair of Amenities.

Cllr White proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED:** to recommend to the Finance & Policy Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to accept the budget proposal prepared by the RFO.

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

There were no items of correspondence to report.

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report and there was no other business.

## **10. To note the date of the next meeting as 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm