

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 8.14pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
January 2019 in the Town Hall

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

**Present:** Cllr Anstey – chairman  
Cllrs Hale, Lewendon, Moulard, Paton & Perkins

**In Attendance:** Mr P. Goddard, Town Clerk  
Mrs R. Edwards, Asst Town Clerk  
Mrs M Coatham, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)  
Cllr Adams (Public Gallery)

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

Apologies were received from Cllr White.

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

No declarations were made.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and report any matters arising**

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Moulard and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 4 – Cllr Anstey asked whether Development Control had been contacted about the Church Street planters. **Action: Asst Clerk to find out**

Minute No. 5 – The disabled swing seat has been ordered.

Minute No. 6 – Whitsbury Road - Cllr Lewendon contacted Development Control about the muddy road by the new development. The mud has since been scraped up and put on the grass verge. Cllr Lewendon will find out whether one of the conditions of planning permission is that vehicles are cleaned before leaving site.

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

No matters raised.

**5. To receive an update on the Skate Park**

The Skate Park scheme has been noted for approval of funding of £25k by New Forest District Council, due to be ratified by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This leaves a potential shortfall of £2382.70 which could be paid for from the Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and Cllr Perkins seconded and it was therefore **RESOLVED:** to make the recommendation to General Council that the shortfall in funding for the Skate Park project be paid for from CIL funds.

The electricity cable needs to be moved to allow the new skate park to be installed.

**Action: RFO to get quotes for moving electricity cable and meter.**

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

- **Quote for replacement playhouse**

Following the Amenities Committee meeting in November, the Asst Clerk had checked the recommendations for the safety play surface with HAGS. They advised that the eco-mulch surface quoted for was best, although a more expensive option of wet pour was available.

Members asked that two further companies be asked to quote for a new toddler playhouse installation in the hope of finding a cheaper solution.

**Action: Asst Clerk to get two more quotes for a replacement playhouse.**

- **Showers**

The showers at the Pavilion leak and haven't been used for a considerable length of time. Now that the building is known to be structurally sound, Cllr Anstey proposed repairing the showers. The RFO recommended that a plumber assess the showers given that they haven't been used for so long and quotes are sought.

**Action: Asst Clerk to ask plumber to assess showers**

- **Rabbit Control**

Rabbits are causing damage to the pitches on the Recreation Ground.

**Action: Asst Clerk to book rabbit control.**

- **Willow Tree at Recreation Ground**

The willow tree growing on the edge of the bank of the Recreation Ground is leaning and there is concern it could fall into the river. It was decided to ask a tree surgeon to assess and advise on the best course of action – with possible removal of the tree or repairing the bank. Cllr Lewendon asked if the Environment Agency should be notified if work needs to be done. Before undertaking any work, a tree works application should be made as the tree is in a Conservation Area.

**Action: Asst Clerk to ask Tree Surgeon to assess tree.**

- **Pavilion**

The tiles on the Pavilion have been repaired and water no longer leaks through the roof.

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

- Lengthsman visit – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Councillors requested that the lengthsman be asked to cut back the undergrowth underneath Tanyards Bridge in West Street.

Cllr Moulard asked if the Lengthsman could do anything about the flooded footpaths at Segal Springs. Unfortunately he's not able to stop the flooding caused by the springs.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The meeting closed at 8.52pm