

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 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, Connolly, Earth, Hale, Fulford, Lewendon, Mouland, Paton, White and Wilson

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
Ann Sevier, NFDC
A representative from the Salisbury Journal

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Matcham.

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 7th November 2018 and to report on any matters arising.

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th November 2018 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 3 - Cllr Lewendon reported that he still has the bicycle.

Minute No. 4 - Cllr Anstey reported that a letter has been sent to Hampshire County Council about the increasing traffic. There is a need to look at this problem and make Fordingbridge a safer place. There is concern from the general public that there will be a death on the High Street in the foreseeable future.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 and to report on any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 14th November 2018 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 3 - Cllr Anstey said that the Council were sympathetic to the Regal Cinema and asked that an email be sent to the Conservation Officer saying that Fordingbridge Town Council would be happy with the proposed alternative tile.

Action – Town Clerk to email Conservation Officer

Minute No. 4 - Cllr Anstey expressed his thanks for the appointment of the new Buildings/Projects Manager.

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

No members of the public were present.

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

Please see Appendix A for the November Beat Report.

The Asst Clerk asked PCSO May the questions that had arisen at November's General Council meeting and emailed the Council the following answers prior to tonight's meeting.

1. 'Recordable Crime' is that which the Home Office want recorded individually, 'Crime' is everything else – in the table as Miscellaneous Crimes against Society
2. The table has the previous 3 months of data, the blurb underneath relates to the previous month only
3. The Geographical area of Fordingbridge Town is the electoral ward of Fordingbridge, shown on the OS website <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/election-maps/gb/>
If you click the link, press the boundary button on the left hand side, scroll down and select wards. Then in the top right search, type in Fordingbridge.
4. At October's General Council meeting some Councillors queried the number of rapes (2). I asked PCSO May about this and he told me that some crimes will be historical but if reported in a particular month, then they will be recorded in that month. One of the rape cases is a historical case from 10 years ago. He said that if there's any danger to the public, then he will highlight it in his report.

7. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor attended the following events

- 11th November – Remembrance Day Parade and Service which he said was a tremendous occasion
- 9th – 11th November – WW1 Exhibition in the Town Hall which he reported was very well received.
- 12th November – Armistice Commemoration at New Forest District Council
- 16th November – Fordwick Village at St Mary's Church
- 28th November – Public Consultation Event organised by NTR Planning at St. Mary's Church Hall
- 29th November – NFDC Skate Park interview
- 30th November – Christmas in Fordingbridge event

Mayor Anstey thanked the Fordingbridge Events Group for organising the Christmas in Fordingbridge event and the shopkeepers and community for making it so special. He particularly thanked the Town Council for providing the Christmas lights at great expense. He thanked the Town Clerk for her patience and persistence in securing permission to hang Christmas lights in the town. Mayor Anstey reported that the Christmas Window Competition would be judged by the end of the week.

8. To receive a report from the County Councillor

No report received.

9. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier reported that she was pleased the WW1 Exhibition had gone so well after all the hard work put into it.

She reported that the National Park Plan was reviewed by inspectors in November and that two inspectors will be reviewing adjoining areas in the New Year.

Cllr Sevier raised the subject of Crime and Disorder; how much is being spent on Policing by Parish and whether perhaps the money couldn't be better spent elsewhere. She queried whether local people are getting value for money.

Cllr Sevier reported on the new housing developments being planned and said the numbers of houses may increase.

Cllr Sevier left the meeting.

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

Planning Committee – 14th November 2018 – received Cllr Fulford

Amenities Committee – 21st November 2018 – received Cllr Anstey

General Purposes Committee - 21st November 2018 – received Cllr Earth

Extra Ordinary Finance & Policy Committee – 7th November 2018 – received Cllr Connolly

Finance & Policy Committee 28th November 2018 – received Cllr Connolly

11. To confirm meeting dates for 2019

Members agreed the meeting dates for 2019.

12. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr Wilson attended the Planning Consultation at St Mary's on 28th November. She reported that Members of the Public don't understand the planning process and they are concerned about the development. Furthermore, many of the Public are unaware of planned housing developments. The Council discussed this and raised the following points

- Planning developments should be better advertised with people signposted to NFDC if they have concerns
- There will be no planning application until after the local plan is decided
- The public should be made aware of the great many hours of work Fordingbridge Town Council has put into the response to the Local Plan and that Fordingbridge Town Council was opposed to the development of site 16.

Cllr Hale attended the Fordingbridge Conservation Volunteer Action Group Meeting on 13th November. They will be hosting an open day at the Bishop's Pond conservation site on Saturday 15th December.

Cllr Fulford

- attended the Planning Consultation at St Mary's on 28th November.
- asked that all members read the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) draft document and submit comments. Cllr Anstey thanked the RFO for preparing the document and thanked the committee for reviewing it.

14. To note any items of correspondence

Jill Williams, Information Offices Manager, NFDC, emailed to say how much she values the hard work and excellent level of customer service the Town Council delivers on behalf of NFDC at Fordingbridge Office. Cllr Anstey seconded this and thanked the Information Office staff for all they do.

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

- Lots of repairs were needed for this year's Christmas lights. The repair cost will be considerable.

- The Town Hall Office will be closed from Monday 24th December until Tuesday 1st December inclusive.
- Tonight will be the last General Council meeting attended by Helen Richards, Town Clerk. Interviews for her replacement were held today, all the candidates were very good. A new clerk will be appointed shortly.
- The Town Clerk and Asst Town Clerk attended the HALC AGM on 10th November. Presentations were given by the Police and Crime Commissioner and also Cllr Edward Heron. Cllr Heron spoke on the new HCC Parish and Town Council Investment Fund.
- The Town Clerk met with two representatives from Copythorne Parish Council who want to set up a Community Hub in their parish.

Cllr Anstey thanked the Town Clerk for all her hard work and her guidance over the years.

16. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 2nd January 2018

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN NOVEMBER 2018 BEAT REPORT

APPENDIX A

Crime Tree	Sept 2 nd - Dec 1 st	June 4 th – Sept 1 st	Difference	
1b Violence with Injury	10	6	4	
1c Violence without Injury	9	15	-6	
2a Rape	1	1	0	
2b Other Sexual Offences	2		2	
4a1 Burglary Residential	5	12	-7	
4a2 Burglary Business and Community	3	2	1	
4b Vehicle Offences	4	2	2	
4d Bicycle Theft	1	2	-1	
4e Shoplifting		2	-2	
4f All Other Theft Offences	8	10	-2	
5a Criminal Damage	8	5	3	
6b Possession of Drugs		2	-2	
8 Public Order Offences		7	-7	
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	5	1	4	
Sum:	56	67	-11	-16.42%

55 Occurrences of which 19 are crimes

2 Community related ASB involving cars and youths with catapults
 5 Outbuilding burglaries involving various tools being taken.

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1 Business burglary

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