

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr Anstey – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Earth, Fulford, Hale, Lewendon, Mouland, Paton, Perkins, Wilson and White

In Attendance: Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk
Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
Cllr Sevier, NFDC
A representative from the Salisbury Journal
1 member of public

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 6th March 2019 and to report on any matters arising.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th March 2019 are signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 3 – the Skate Park work is due to be completed on Wednesday 10th April.

Minute No. 12 – the new Groundsperson is due to start on 16th April.

4. To confirm the minutes of the extraordinary General Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 and to report on any matters arising

Cllr White proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the 13th March 2019 are signed as a true record.

No matters arising.

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

No matters raised.

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

The clerk read out the following crime report for March.

	March
Anti-Social Behaviour	6
Violence against person	5
Dwelling Burglary	0
Other Burglary	0
Business Burglary	1
Damage	1
Theft	5
Theft from Vehicles	0
Suspicious Incidents	8

7. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor attended the following events

13th March 2019 – Hampshire Council Spring Workshop, Winchester.

The Mayor reported that potholes and waste management were discussed at the Spring Workshop. Hampshire Highways are keen to work with local councils – for example if they put barriers up in an area then they will notify the local Council so that other work can be done at the same time e.g. lengthsman work.

28th March 2019 – Introduction to inspection & maintenance of play equipment training course.

2nd April 2019 – Fairtrade breakfast at Breamore School.

The Mayor reported that the sports season is coming to an end and that all sports clubs have extremely successful youth teams, thanks to the management of the clubs and also the parents for their support.

He mentioned that the town currently has a lot of work going on, with the redevelopment of both Fordingbridge Car Park and the old Fordingbridge Club site. He reported that the new skate park at the Recreation Ground would be open to the public from next 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 work has restarted on the old Fordingbridge Club site with the agreement of Building Control. The work originally began without the consent of the archaeologist and a subsequent stop notice was put on the site by NFDC due to the possibility of disturbance to burials. The developers have been instructed to build on pillars and not to disturb the burials.

Cllr Sevier reported that there are lots of consultations on waste strategies at the moment.

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

Planning Committee – 13th March 2019 - received Cllr Fulford
Amenities Committee – 20th March 2019 – received Cllr Anstey
General Purposes Committee – 20th March 2019 – received Cllr Earth
Finance & Policy Committee – 27th March 2019 - received Cllr Adams

11. To agree a response to the Burgate School Consultation on the proposed sale of 1.5 acres of land

The Council discussed the proposed sale of land at Burgate School.

Cllr Fulford proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore RESOLVED: to respond to the Burgate School Consultation on the proposed sale of 1.5 acres of land with the statement:

The Council's view is that, under the stated conditions that the land will remain a green open space and that there will be improvements and enhancements to the entrance at the front of the school, the Council currently has no objections.

8 in favour, 3 absentions.

Cllr Sevier left the meeting.

12. To consider the recommendation from Amenities on the purchase of play equipment

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr White and therefore RESOLVED: to accept the recommendation of the Amenities Committee and to purchase the play equipment.

13. To receive an update on the Town Hall project

The Clerk reported that contractor has submitted his application for professional indemnity insurance. The Clerk will be holding a pre-contract meeting with the contractor and the buildings manager on 16th April.

14. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey reported on the play equipment training course that he attended on 28th March. Anyone carrying out inspections on play equipment should be qualified and suitably trained. He recommended that suitable courses are found for the Groundsman to attend.

Action: Clerk to find relevant play equipment training courses for Groundsman.

Cllr Lewendon reported that the SANG opposite the new housing development in Whitsbury Road is now open. He raised concerns about the boardwalk – it is an open walkway, one metre above the ground, and has no railings. He also said that decking planks had been used instead of planks with an anti-slip coating. These planks hadn't been screwed down properly. He thought the structure was unsafe. Cllr Anstey agreed that the height of the structure and lack of railings was a concern.

Action: Clerk to report concerns to Development Control.

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

Cllr White attended the Christmas lights meeting and the Fordingbridge Events Group meeting about the Summer Festival.

Cllr Hale attended the Victoria Rooms meeting on 21st March. He reported that the Victoria Rooms AGM will be held on 25th April at 7.30pm.

16. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence.

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

Revd Nicky Davies, Avon Valley Patnership, is due to speak at the Annual Town Assembly on 17th April. Her talk will be about Fairtrade.

Cllr Perkins asked if the insurance company would need to be informed about the new skate park opening. The Clerk confirmed that they would and it was in hand.

18. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 1st May 2019

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.