

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held at 8.37pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in the Town Hall** **(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Anstey – Chairman  
Cllrs Paton, Price, Lewendon, Perkins

**In Attendance:** Mrs H Richards - Town Clerk  
Mrs M Coatham – Finance Officer  
Cllrs Adams & Hale – Public Gallery  
2 Representatives – Turks Football Club (Turks FC)

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

Cllr Connolly & Fulford

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

No declarations of interest received.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and report on any matters arising.**

Cllr Perkins proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be signed as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising**

Minute No. 3 - Park Fishing Proposal – Ongoing – Proposal to be considered once lease review complete

Minute No. 5 – Play Area Enhancement – Works completed and new equipment in use

Play Equipment – Roundabout repair still awaited, Skatepark Lights replacement completed

Memorial Garden Gates – Gates & Fence refurbished

Pavilion Refurbishment – Deferred to Finance & Policy in January 2016

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

Nothing raised.

#### **5. To report on matters relating to the Recreation Ground**

Dugouts – Chris Garvey, Vice Chair, Turks FC gave details of the Club's development plans and desire to progress into the Hampshire League. This would require Hampshire FA criteria to be met for the facilities provided, including the provision of dugouts and fencing.

- Dug outs would require a concrete base with a covered "building" over (proposal to be concrete block construction) (permanent)
- Fencing would be temporary and could be removed for other users
- Portable dugouts not feasible as expensive
- Dugouts would be located in front of Pavilion building line and towards the basketball court.

Comments were received regarding positioning and effect on proposal to refurbishment/rebuild Pavilion and also the provision of a MUGA.

The Clerk queried whether the quality of the pitch is sufficient to enable the team to enter the Hampshire League. Chris Garvey responded that it is adequate and would be acceptable to the League. Changing Requirements for playing in the league were also discussed.

Turks Football Club to provide more details of the proposed dug outs including construction and location together with the Development Plan for the Club – this further information should be available to be presented to the Amenities Committee in January.

*Representatives from Turks FC left the meeting*

Memorial Gardens – The Clerk and Finance Officer reported that advice would be sought from a Landscape Gardener with regard to works required to the Memorial Gardens. Following obtaining this advice and forming a proposal, consideration should be given to the employment of a part time gardener to maintain both the Memorial Gardens and Stuckton Road Cemetery. Clerk/Finance Officer to seek quotes to be discussed at Amenities Committee in January.

Dead Oak Tree – Options for the future use of the Oak Tree situated in the children's play area were discussed including, sculpture, seat, wildlife haven. Generally agreed to retain tree. Clerk to obtain quotes for different options.

Legionella Risk Assessment – 3 Quotes received. One was dismissed as cost given was for residential property reporting not public buildings.

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED** that the quote from GES in the sum of £375.00 be accepted for Legionella Risk Assessment Report of the Pavilion and Town Hall.

#### **6. To report on any Tree Works**

The Clerk reported that the Survey report had been received from NFDC and a quote is awaited from Marcus Noke.

#### **7. To discuss Budget Proposals for 2016/2017 financial year and make a recommendation to the Finance & Policy committee Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

The Finance Officer reported that income for the coming year may be down if Moto Guzzi do not hold their annual rally at the Recreation Ground next August. Reviews would be undertaken of the usage by the Football, Rugby and Whippet Racing clubs and charging made accordingly. The Refreshment Kiosk concession is currently being reviewed and following completion the fishing proposal put forward by the tenant will be considered.

Large bills have been received relating to the Paddling Pool suggesting high consumption – The Water Board are investigating. However provision should be made in the budgets for higher expenditure for the pool.

Other minor adjustments to the budget were discussed.

It was agreed that the recommendations for budgets set out in the Finance Officers report be accepted subject to the resolution of the Paddling Pool costs and the completion of the Kiosk Concession Review.

*The Finance Officer left the meeting*

Tree Works – Survey report received from NFDC, awaiting quote from Marcus Noke.

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

The Clerk reported that a report had been received from Hampshire Police regarding apprehension of a person “lamping” rabbits on Brownsey’s land. The Council cannot agree to a prosecution as not owners of the land.

Previous discussions regarding rabbit control have taken place and Cllr Perkins to pursue suitable persons to undertake this.

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

Nothing to report.

**10. To note the date of the next meeting as 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

The meeting closed at 09.58pm